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A message from Mark Max, Chairman
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JERUSALEM

October was a record breaking month for immigration to Israel. Over 21,000 new immigrants arrived in Israel, among them 20,324 from the Soviet Union! In the first 10 days of November alone about 9,000 Soviet Jews arrived in Israel. They are coming in unprecedented numbers.

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Hillel Academy is bursting at the seams! Increased enrollment has created a population explosion at the Community Hebrew Day School. The enrollment figures bode well for the future and signify a growing and dynamic Jewish community.

JERUSALEM

Over 30,000 pupils have already been absorbed into the school system in 1990 and another 50,000 adult immigrants are currently studying in ulpanim, according to Education Minister Zevulun Hammer. "This is the largest number of immigrants to be absorbed into the school's system since the creation of the state", Hammer said. Some 20,000 immigrant adults have already completed their ulpan. Hammer, who reported to the cabinet on the Education Ministry's handling of immigrant absorption, vowed that pupils' education will not suffer despite strains which the influx is placing on the school system. However, Hammer hinted that unconventional methods, such as a two-shift schoolday, may have to be used in order to continue to absorb immigrant pupils at the present rate of 200 per day.

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With a growing aging population, Ottawa's Jewish seniors are in need of the services which Hillel Lodge, Jewish Family Services Agency and the Jewish Community Centre provides. This segment of our community requires sophisticated cultural, recreational, and social services. In addition, residential care is becoming more important.

JERUSALEM

The Israel Broadcasting Authority will soon begin transmitting six hours daily television broadcasts to the Soviet Union, IBA Director-General told the Knesset's Immigration and Absorption Committee. News programs in Hebrew and Russian, will be beamed to hundreds of Hebrew language courses and Jewish cultural centres in the Soviet Union.

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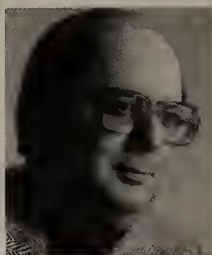
The growth of the Ottawa Jewish community means increased enrollment in many activities that are already offered by the JCC such as the daycamp. The changing social structure of our community has demanded that we provide programs for a variety of specials. New programming is scheduled for single parent families and blended families.

JERUSALEM

The long delayed direct flights between the Soviet Union and Israel will begin within two months, a senior aliyah official told the Knesset's Immigration and Absorption Committee. The official said that economic realities will force the Soviets to honour their direct flight agreement, signed last November between El Al and Aeroflot. Currently Aeroflot is losing out on profits enjoyed by the national airlines of Poland, Romania and Hungary — the three countries serving as transit points for Soviet Jewish immigrants.

UJA

Our community, locally and in Israel is constantly growing and changing. This creates increased demands on Jewish services. If you have not yet made your 1991 UJA pledge, please call the UJA office at 232-7306. Please increase or maintain your regular United Jewish Appeal pledge. Then please do as much as possible for Operation Exodus. Please double your regular gift level for Operation Exodus. If you have made your pledge, please make your payment. Our global community depends on you.



In the spirit of environmental consciousness, the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin and Review introduces a new look in keeping with this new age. From now on the Bulletin will be printed on recycled paper. In fact, while the Bulletin will hardly look different at all we can take pride in the knowledge that

our Community is being ecologically responsible.

This decision also is in concert with the Jewish tradition of being in harmony with nature and being concerned with issues of a more universal theme.

Enjoy the new composition of the Bulletin. While the paper may be recycled, the news will still be fresh.

Happy
Hanukah!

As we celebrate
the Festival of Lights,
may love and faith be rekindled,
may hope be renewed,
and may peace be realized
within your home,
within your heart,
and throughout the world.



Illustration courtesy of the Education Resource Centre.



PRESIDENT, OTTAWA VAAO HA'IR - JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

EMBASSY OF ISRAEL

On October 29th the community officially bade farewell to His Excellency, the Ambassador of Israel to Canada, Yisrael Gur-Arieh and to his wife Shulamit Gur-Arieh. During the past three and a half years during their stay in Ottawa we have all had the privilege to meet with them on very many occasions. Both of them not only felt that, aside from representing Israel to Canada, they had a special obligation to meet with the Jewish communities in Canada. In Ottawa we are particularly fortunate in that Ambassador and Mrs. Gur-Arieh opened their home to numerous functions and welcomed large numbers of members of the Jewish communities to their home. Both were sincerely forthcoming to the community, and we have deeply appreciated their friendship and genuine affection for the Ottawa Jewish Community.

The Ambassador arrived in Canada to represent Israel during very difficult times. His passionate representations on behalf of the State of Israel and of the Jewish People were rooted in a lifelong dedication to the Zionist ideal and to "Klal Yisrael". Having survived the horrors of the Second World War, as a teenager he migrated to Israel and fought in the major war which confronted Israel from its birth as an independent state. No one could have been more completely engulfed by a sense of Jewish history. On many occasions I had the opportunity to appreciate the total immersion of his being for his state and for his people and to witness the agonies and frustrations which, for Israeli diplomats, seem to be "de rigueur". We wish him and his wife a long and healthy life and "Kol Tuv" in the years to come. Shalom "Ul'hitraot".

JEWISH COMMUNITY CAMPUS OF OTTAWA

At the recent Board of Trustees meeting held on October 31st, the Chairman of the Campus, Arnie Vered, reported at length on the operations of the Campus site at the Broadview site. Renovations have been completed below budget and the "school" and "day care" facilities are operating extremely well. However, during the past few years the acquisition of the Day Care facility and the renovations at both facilities on the Campus site have proceeded without the benefit of any special campaigns. The balance sheet points out, however, that the "Campus" will have to pay an outstanding loan of approximately \$600,000. Decisions will be taken sometime in the future regarding the manner in which to deal with this debt.

ISRAEL, THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE DOUBLE STANDARD

The recent news reports from India indicate that violence leading to numerous deaths have been occurring. The actions against the Kashmiris and the attacks against the Muslims by Hindus have now been widely reported. The recent reports emanating from Lebanon pointing to killings of civilians in a most brutal manner have also been brought to the attention of the world. However, the United Nations has not taken up these issues in the Security Council and nor has the United Nations sought to condemn the countries responsible for the atrocities. Why is Israel singled out for "special treatment"? Why is there a double standard?

KOSHER CATERING

The Vaad Hakashrut (a standing committee of the Vaad Ha'Ir) is in the process of licensing new caterers in the Jewish community. Every attempt is being made to satisfy the community requirements for Kosher catering services. At present both Jack Smith and Jack Edelson are recognized as the "Kosher community caterers." Kosher catering facilities exist at the following sites: 1) The Jewish Community Centre; 2) Mach-zikei Hadas Synagogue; 3) Agudath Israel Synagogue; 4) The Chateau Laurier Hotel. The licensing of Kosher caterers and Kosher facilities is under the strict supervision of the Vaad Hakashrut. The responsibility for the administration of the Kosher facilities lies with the institution in which those facilities reside. The licensing of those facilities falls under the jurisdiction of the Vaad Hakashrut. Only those Kosher caterers certified by the Ottawa Vaad Hakashrut are permitted to do Kosher catering in the institutions designated as "Kosher facilities". For further information or advice you may contact Aaron Sarna (Chairman of the Vaad Hakashrut) or Rabbi R. Bulka, Rabbi S. Aranov, Rabbi A. Fine, Rabbi G. Sonnenschein, or Rabbi M. Berger.

The President and Executive
of the Jewish Community Council
with the Community
a Happy Hanukah

Kahane will have place of honor in Jewish history, attorney says

By Louis Gordon

NEW YORK (JTA) "Limdu bnei Yisrael keshet: teach the Jew how to use fist, stick and gun. It will probably make you unpopular with many of your pacifist friends: never mind. Universal peace is a Jewish idea, a Jewish prophet in a Jewish land started it and, I believe...it will become a reality because people fully equipped for self-defense will decide to lay down their weapons: it cannot be helped by a defenseless mob imploring their neighbours to follow their rather discouraging example. What for? In this case, anyone who would ask such a question in 1932 would deserve no answer."

—Zeev Jabotinsky, "If I Were Young In 1932". When he first appeared on the scene toward the end of 1968, Rabbi Meir Kahane was a kind of clean-cut traditional alternative to the hippies and yuppies who so easily turned the hearts of young Jews toward every cause but their own. It hurt the rabbi to see Jews protesting for Arafat, or for Angela Davis, or for Jesus, while scorning the synagogue or the State of Israel.

Jewish is beautiful

"If black is beautiful, which it is," Rabbi Kahane once said, "then Jewish is beautiful too, and our people have to learn that." And so in a time of increasing assimilation and resurgent anti-Semitism, he founded the Jewish Defense League, which took as its slogan the powerful and haunting words, "Never Again."

On Halloween eve 1968, Kahane and his JDL followers demonstrated for the first time just what the words, "never again" meant. The place was the Montefiore Cemetery in Queens — where for years anti-Semitic vandals had overturned Jewish gravestones with barely a protest.

No damage done

This time, however, Kahane and his followers — armed with chains and clubs — made sure that there was no damage done. It wasn't a way for nice Jewish boys to behave, but as the rabbi often preached, "maybe, just maybe, nice Jewish boys gave their own roads to Auschwitz."

That was the beginning of the JDL.

In times of trouble, when an old lady was being harassed in her East Flatbush, Brooklyn, apartment, when defenseless yeshiva students were beaten up by gangs of anti-Semites, the last and often only resort was Rabbi Meir Kahane's Jewish Defense League.

More formidable

But while Kahane found that he was capable of handling the most violent of anti-Semites, and that the JDL's harassment campaign against the Soviet Union was so effective that it brought the issue of Soviet Jewry to the forefront, he also found a more formidable opponent in the Jewish establishment, which so strongly despised the idea of Jews fighting in the streets.

In press releases, memos, and secret files which were delivered to various newspapers, Jewish establishment groups in America and later in Israel sought to discredit virtually everything Kahane said, by painting him as a fascist and an ignorant fanatic.

Time and time again, Kahane was effectively denied a platform from which to debate the important issues facing the Jewish people, and ultimately he was relegated to a side role in the bitter struggle between the left and right in Israel. As Rabbi Kahane told me in a 1985 interview, not even Menachem Begin during the early days of the Ben-Gurion government was barred from speaking the way Kahane was barred.

Play the role

The real tragedy of Kahane is not that he was gunned down by a cowardly assassin's bullet, but rather that up until the day of his death, the Jewish establishment made him play the role of the ignorant loudmouth, when in fact he was among the most educated and capable of all his contemporaries.

Not only was Kahane an ordained Orthodox rabbi, but he also held three university degrees, including one in law. He was a colourful orator and his ability to turn out articles and books — albeit controversial ones — made him as pro-

lific as any self-hating American Jewish writer. But because Kahane always had to play the role of the gadfly, his intellectual talents were never properly recognized in the American Jewish community.

It might be presumptuous of me to say this, having completely disagreed with his Kach platform and Israel policies, but I believe that it was Kahane's message to American Jewish youth that will inscribe him in the archives of history.

Be proud

Kahane told the would-be followers of gurus and other erectors of youth to be proud of their heritage and to stand up in the face of the anti-Semite, a message which is so rarely heard in the self-destructive Jewish communities of the Diaspora.

Perhaps the spirit of Meir Kahane is best remembered in an episode related by Professor Janet Dolgin in her 1974 book, *Jewish Identity and the JDL*.

Young Hasidic student

Dolgin recalled the story of a young Hasidic student who, while walking with his sister, was assaulted by anti-Semitic toughs. The Hasid had not been brought up in the culture of self-defence, and didn't know how to fight back.

Later, when he heard the rabbi speak about defending Jews, he started to cry, because the rabbi, unlike Jewish establishment leaders, understood his pain. For the first time in his life, that Hasid knew that there was another way, that he did not have to take the taunts, and that the road to Auschwitz could be destroyed instead of being paved.

Rarely heard stories

There are hundreds if not thousands of similar stories, but the public rarely heard them, because Kahane was blocked from presenting his message. But like the Macabees, the Masada martyrs and Zeev Jabotinsky before him, the message of Rabbi Meir Kahane will have its own place of honour in the pages of Jewish history.

Louis Gordon is an attorney who writes on Jewish affairs.

Attention All Barrhavenites... The Fourth Annual Barrhaven Family Chanukah Party



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Commentary

Cynthia Engel
EDITOR

Letter to a Jerusalem Friend

Dear Justin—
Last week your Mom stopped by the Bulletin office to say hello and mentioned that you are concerned about the "Letter from Jerusalem" which you send us once a month and which we publish on that basis.

Is it okay? she asked. Would I be good enough to write to you and let you know.

I think you might have welcomed a personal letter, but I've decided to go public with my assessment. So sit tight.

Dear Justin, how can you have the slightest doubt? The first fax I received, bearing your initial installment, bowled me — and subsequently all our readers — over.

Not only do you express yourself well — way beyond the ripe old age of twenty you attained on November 29 — but you have been given the gift of being able to paint a word picture into a canvass that leaves the reader breathless. And thinking.

Thus far you've given us a peek into the daily life of a foreign student at Hebrew University, allowing those too old to actually have the experience to live it vicariously, and whetting the appetites of those still young enough to seriously consider it as a viable option.

Hmph, I thought, can he continue this? (A problem with which I am all too familiar!) — and then your "Letter to an Ottawa Friend" arrived in time for publication in the November 16 issue and, once again, kiddo, you did it. Once again I was left shaking my head in wonderment at your ability.

This time you took us all — the whole Jewish community — to task, justifiably scolding every one of us for cowardice, for begging off visiting Israel during these difficult times. And you said it better than anyone could have:

"What a big deal, you'll remember, when I started telling people of my plans to go to Israel. 'For a year?' People gasped. 'Oy vey,' said some. 'Aren't you afraid of the intifada?' asked others. And these were Jews, educated people, 'staunch supporters' (as they call themselves) of Israel. It was like I was a heretic, a deviant from the norm."

"I wrongly assumed it was logical that if one goes to Hebrew School, has a Bar Mitzvah, attends a Jewish camp, and joins Jewish youth groups, he might one day have the urge to study in Israel. 'Oh yes, very nice. Very logical,' nodded some parents. I know as they grinned stiffly and prayed that I not give any 'crazy' ideas to their children."

Wish I had written those words!

Want to know how you're doing, Justin? You're doing brilliantly.

Although you began sending us your observations in the autumn, you are really our year-long Hanukkah gift to the community. And there isn't one of us who isn't going to be thinking of you with envy lighting the 'Hanukkah light' in Eretz Yisrael this year.

Keep those articles coming!

Justin, son of Hannah and Gerry Cammy, is presently attending Hebrew University in Jerusalem. His next article will appear in the December 14 issue of the Bulletin.

Happy Hanukah to all!

Hanukkah 1990/5751
Wednesday, December 12
through
Wednesday, December 19

First Candle Tuesday, December 11
Last Candle Tuesday, December 18

Hanukkah 'Shir-a-trom' Dec. 12 will benefit Israeli soldiers

"Shir-a-trom", a Hanukkah Benefit Concert for Israeli Soldiers, will be held on Wednesday, December 12, 8:00 p.m., at Agudath Israel Synagogue, 1490 Coldrey Avenue.

In Israel, "Shir-a-trom," an annual Hanukkah event, takes the form of a 48-hour radio telethon during which people call in their donations and request particular songs dedicated to their loved ones.

Funds raised go to the Vaad Le Ma'an Ha Chayal (Israeli Soldiers' Welfare Association) to develop educational and rest and recreational facilities; to build clubs on remote bases, roadside canteens, bus shelters; and to purchase physical fitness equipment and small Hanukkah gifts for the soldiers.

The Ottawa Shir-a-trom will raise funds for this important cause as well as transmit the clear message that every Israeli soldier, at all times and in all places, will never stand alone.

The Concert Benefit promises an evening's entertainment to be remembered. Well known singer Yaffa Yarkoni and musical duo Iris & Ofer are the featured entertainers, along with other surprises and Hanukkah treats.

Yaffa Yarkoni, ever popular



Yaffa Yarkoni

Israeli entertainer, has received tremendous reviews since she began her current North American tour. Her passionate voice leaves audiences infused with her love for her land and

her people.

Iris & Ofer are an extraordinarily musical couple who mesh the old and the new to make sweet music. By employing contemporary musical techniques to traditional sounds, they create a fusion of the past and present in what is an aesthetically pleasing audio experience.

Tickets are available at the Jewish Community Centre and at all Synagogues. For information, call 238-1818.

"Shir-a-trom" is a joint venture of the Embassy of Israel, the Israel Program Centre, and the Jewish Community Centre, under the chairmanship of Robert Gencher.



Iris and Ofer

Mailbag Mailbag Mailbag

Setting The Record Straight

Dear Editor:

Like many Bulletin readers, it was with great interest that I read the interesting article concerning Barbara Farber in the November 2, 1990 issue.

I, too, congratulate Mrs. Farber on her election as the first woman president of Congregation Agudath Israel and her many achievements in the Ottawa Jewish community.

However, I must point out a serious factual error in the article which stated that Mrs. Farber is the first woman ever to be elected president of an Ottawa shul. Permit me to correct the record now: Temple Israel, Ottawa's Reform Congregation, in its twenty-three history, has had two women presidents.

We at Temple Israel were fortunate enough to be able to elect Connie Reisman as our first woman leader in 1976 and she served two terms in the chair. Elaine Singer, in a natural culmination to her many Board of Directors positions, was elected to the presidency

for the years 1982 through 1984.

Both Connie and Elaine remain vital and active members of the Temple and continue to serve both their congregation and the community at large.

In addition, Temple Israel, always the pioneer in advancing the cause for the equality of women, held the first formal Bat Mitzvah and Confirmation services in Ottawa.

Again, my congratulations to Mrs. Farber for her notable accomplishments and for join-

ing this very small and select group of women congregation presidents.

My thanks to the editor for the opportunity to set the record straight.

Francine D. Altman

Editor's Note: The error is mine. When I gave the assignment to reporter Reesa Aaron I was unaware that any other women had served as presidents of their congregation. Sincere apologies to Mesdames Reisman, Singer and Farber — and Temple Israel.

Wos. Auxiliary of Hillel Lodge Says Thanks

Dear Editor:

We in Ottawa support each other like one big Mishpoocha. On November 4th, Hillel Lodge celebrated their 25th Anniversary at the Home For the Aged.

The response of the Community was overwhelming, both financially and in attendance. It is most encouraging for the Residents to be shown that they are cared for. We are

most appreciative to the many who assisted in making the celebration a success. Our thanks go to each telephone caller, to the co-ordinators and to every volunteer. The result of our contributions make Hillel Lodge a home away from home for our residents to enjoy quality of life.

The Women's Auxiliary of Hillel Lodge.



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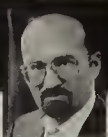
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View from the Pulpit



Passing the Candle

By Rabbi Reuven P. Bulka
Congregation Machzikei Hadas

First things first — R' Y'huah Sh'lemah wishes to Rabbi Saul Aranov and Rabbi Arnold Fine. I hope they both have a speedy and complete recovery, and wish them and their families all the best.

The day I was called by the noted editor of this fine community newspaper to send in my piece, an article arrived in the mail, reporting the raging debate between Jewish demographers, about the state of health of the North American Jewish community.

There are two schools of thought in this debate. One sees the community as in reasonably good shape; the other going so far as predicting the end of American Jewish history. Yes, it is true that more than 60 per cent of American Jews do not spend more than three days a year in shul. Yes, it is true that more than 32 percent of American born Jews do not fast on Yom Kippur. Yes, it is true that about 40 percent of the American Jewish community do not contribute a penny to any Jewish charitable institution.

And yes, it is true that the intermarriage rate for Jews under 30 is about one-third, and rises to an alarming 70 percent in smaller Jewish cities.

But to suggest the Jewish community is disappearing is absurd.

Approximately 15 years ago a demographer predicted that if the rate of increasing intermarriage and lower birth continue, then by the American tercentenary, in 2076, there would be only 14,600 Jews in all North America.

I wrote to this demographer, arguing that in one square mile of Borough Park, there are over 100,000 Jews, and they show no signs of disappearing, have no intermarriage, and a birthrate of probably six or seven per family. That community alone would make shambles of his statistics, but this demographer refused to adjust his predictions, maintaining his statistics.

Some present-day prognosticators have not learned too much. How can one ignore the proliferation of Jewish salience in many quarters, the intensification of Jewish commitment, the population explosion in some circles.

However, it is at the same time folly to ignore the reality that there is a high rate of assimilation and attrition in other circles.

The question is not whether there will be a Jewish community years from now; the question is what will that Jewish community look like.

Certainly it is the obligation of leadership in smaller communities to assure that Judaism, and the Jewish people, continue to thrive into future generations.

We can all be proud of the leadership in our own Jewish community, which has given its stamp of approval and support for the launching of an all-day community high school.

If anything, it is in the crucial years of identity formation, between 13 and 17, that one integrates the fullness of Jewish values into one's personality, something that can be done only superficially in the elementary school years.

There was a time in our history when we were on the verge of disappearing. Prior to Hanukkah, just over 2000 years ago, there were only a handful of Jews willing to fight for religious freedom and the right to maintain their traditions. Had that group been defeated, who knows whether we would be around to tell the tale. But they were not defeated, and in the process of fighting were joined by many in the community who had previously been reluctant to stick out their necks. That was a time of real danger to Jewish survival.

Our present generation, in comparison, cannot claim to be anywhere near that danger point.

But that is no reason to feel any less pain for the loss of even one individual to the Jewish community. It is therefore incumbent upon us, as we approach Hanukkah, to kindle the light of Jewishness in our homes, and to assure that our traditions are transmitted in a meaningful, joyous and appreciative way, so that the next generation will gladly carry the torch, or even just the candle, that we give them.

Weizmann researchers detecting Rose of Sharon's fatal cousin

Scientists at the Weizmann Institute have developed a blood test for the early diagnosis of visceral leishmaniasis, a widespread tropical disease affecting some 12 million people in parts of Europe, Asia and South America.

The disease has until now been generally difficult to detect, and fatal if left untreated.

Possible vaccine

Laboratory studies even indicate the eventual possibility of a vaccine to prevent infection with the disease.

The disease is a parasitic infection spread by sandflies. A mild form of leishmaniasis, known in Israel as the Rose of Jericho, is not fatal but leaves disfiguring lesions on the skin. In the visceral form, the parasite attacks the liver, spleen and bone marrow, setting off a

process that is fatal if untreated. In the most recent epidemic of the disease in India, 20,000 people died.

Provides answer

The Weizmann diagnostic assay provides an answer in three or four hours, with no false readings when challenged with antibodies from other diseases. The kit does not require refrigeration, since the reagent is stable at high temperatures.

Weizmann researchers claim their test is the first diagnostic method suitable for widespread field tests and epidemiological screening in endemic areas. It lacks the drawbacks of previous techniques, including biopsies of affected organs, and antibody tests. It is also quicker and much more accurate.

In tissue biopsy, when the number of parasites in the tissue is low, false readings can

result.

Another method, which detects antibodies against the parasite, doesn't work in some endemic areas because antibodies to other widespread diseases react with the material used to detect leishmaniasis and false positives or negatives are registered.

Filed for patent

Weizmann's Yeda Research and Development Company has filed for a patent, and has arranged to test patients in Brazil, following successful lab tests in Israel. It is hoped that one of the two proteins isolated from the parasite, which is purified and used in the test, can eventually form the basis for an effective vaccine against visceral leishmaniasis.

When lab mice were immunized with the protein, their parasite levels dropped by 80 per cent. Weizmann researchers are now involved in cloning various genes that code for the protein, in order to find out which are responsible for eliciting the immune response.



From Soup to Nuts

By Donna Karlin



Soon it will be time to gather around the Menorah, light the Chanukah candles, and celebrate the Festival of Lights. Along with the traditional candle lighting, comes the singing of songs and eating of the traditional fried foods that we seem to be staying away from these days, with the exception of the eight days of Chanukah! Here we seem to ignore all dietary restrictions and enjoy the latkes and other foods so typical of this holiday.

Apple and Pear Fritters

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| 1 1/4 cups flour | 3/4 tsp. vanilla |
| 2 1/2 Tbsp. sugar | Vegetable oil for frying |
| 1/4 tsp. baking powder | 3 medium tart green apples, peeled |
| 1/2 tsp. salt | cored and sliced into 1/4" rings |
| 1/2 tsp. cinnamon | 3 medium pears, stemmed, cored |
| 1/4 tsp. nutmeg | and sliced into 1/4" rings |
| 10 Tbsp. homo milk | Flour |
| 2 small eggs | Sugar |

1 1/2 tsp. melted butter

Place flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, and nutmeg in a bowl and stir well to combine. In a separate large bowl, whisk together the milk, eggs, butter and vanilla. Gradually add dry ingredients, beating batter until smooth. Heat oil in a deep fryer to 375 degrees. Dredge fruit in flour, shaking off the excess. Dip fruit into batter and fry, 2-3 pieces at a time until golden brown, turning once. Remove with slotted spoon and drain on brown paper or paper towels. Dust lightly with sugar and serve immediately. Serves 6.

Banana Fritters

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| 1 cup flour | 1/2 cup milk |
| 1 tsp. baking powder | 3 Tbsp. sugar |
| Pinch salt | 3/4 cup mashed, very ripe banana |
| 1 large egg | Oil for frying |

Combine flour, baking powder and salt in small bowl and stir to combine well. In a separate bowl, beat egg and milk together. Add sugar, then the flour mixture. Blend in the mashed banana. Drop by small teaspoons into hot oil. Turn once with slotted spoon. Drain on brown paper or paper towels and dust with icing sugar. Make sure the oil is not too hot, for the fritters will brown quickly on the outside and not properly cooked through.

Best Ever Cake Doughnuts

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| 3 cups flour | 1 cup milk |
| 1 cup sugar | 1 large egg |
| 1 Tbsp. baking powder | 1/4 cup butter or margarine, |
| 1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon | melted and cooled |
| 1/2 tsp. salt | Vegetable oil for frying |
| 1/4 tsp. nutmeg | Sugar and cinnamon/sugar |

In large bowl, combine flour, 1/2 cup of the sugar, baking powder, 1 tsp. of the cinnamon, salt and nutmeg and stir well. In a small bowl, combine the milk, egg and melted butter. Add to the dry mixture and stir well to combine. Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour. On a well floured board, with floured rolling pin, roll the dough into 1/2" thickness. Using a lightly floured doughnut cutter (about 3"), with the centre in place, cut out the doughnuts and holes. Pat the scraps together to form 3" rounds and cut out more doughnuts. In a large saucepan, heat 2" of oil to 375 degrees. Fry doughnuts and holes, a few at a time, turning often, until they are golden brown, about 2-3 minutes. Drain on brown paper or paper towels. In a small plastic bag, combine remaining sugar and cinnamon. In another bag, place some sugar. Toss doughnuts and holes in sugar or cinnamon/sugar, adding more to the bag if necessary. Shake bags to coat. Makes approximately 16 doughnuts and 16 holes.

Engaged

Mrs. Sonia Kizell is pleased to announce the engagement of her granddaughter, Gina, daughter of Gita and Gerald Pearl, Montreal, to Michael, son of Mrs. Joan Ginet of Ramat Hasharon, Israel and the late Mr. David Gottlieb. After a June 1990 wedding in Israel, the couple will continue to live in Tel Aviv.

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"I graduated from Moscow University in political science, but wasn't allowed to lecture because I was Jewish." "Our daughter attended a basement Jewish kindergarten where she learned Jewish traditions and loved singing Jewish songs. We didn't have the heart to put her through the Soviet educational sys-

tem where she would surely lose her Jewish heritage." Now it's up to us to make this modern exodus a reality. Each of us is needed to ease the immense burden of resettling thousands of Soviet Jews who, like Sara and her family, come to Israel needing jobs, housing and education. 200,000 Soviet Jews are expected to reach Israel this year alone. So please act now with a generous donation to **Operation Exodus**. This time, we have the power to help.

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Lessons of Hanukkah we still have to learn

By Ian Kagedan

When the Talmud, in Tractate Shabbat (21b), asks, "mai Hanukah?" (Why do we celebrate Hanukah?) it responds, "on account of the miracle of the oil." In our recitation of the prayer "al hanisim," a product of a later era, we add the dimension of the miraculous success of a small band of proud Jews in routing superior Greek forces from our ancient Temple.

The history of the festival of Hanukah, alongside the history of the original event itself, bears profound meaning for Jewish life today.

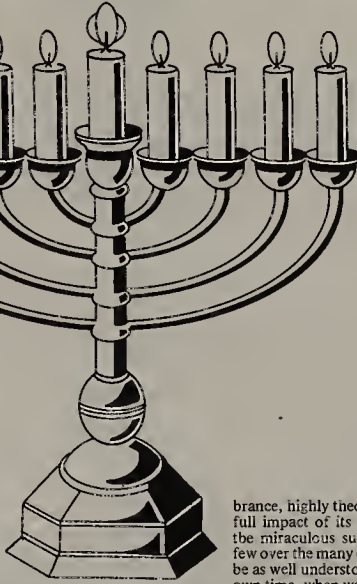
Oppression and indignity

When the rebellion of the Maccabees took place, in the mid second-century BCE, the Jewish community had suffered oppression and indignity at the hands of Greeks for some time. The profanation of the Temple and the imposition of alien rites prompted the rebellion. The Maccabees, a priestly family, took the lead in the effort to rout the Greek legions. As priests, they had a vested interest in protecting the Temple cult. But their action was not simply to secure their temporarily-suspended source of sustenance, but to assert Jewish rights in general. The message of their action is: It should be possible for us to maintain our independence and live in accord with our traditions, and at the same time be participants in the surrounding culture generally.

The Maccabean rebellion succeeded, but its results were viewed by later generations with mixed emotions. The experience of our people in the centuries which followed was

one of decline: Greeks were supplanted by Romans, and their imperial policy was less tolerant of our limited independence. In 70 CE the Temple was destroyed, and Bar Kochba's abortive attempt at national reassertion brought a horrifying response from the Roman authorities after 135. Under Rome, rebellion brought disaster. The immediate conclusion was that the Maccabean model was not to be emulated. Thus in the Mishna, which dates to about 200, Hanukah is not mentioned at all.

Notwithstanding its exclusion from the Mishna, which is the landmark compilation of Jewish law and lore upon which the rest of rabbinic tradition is based, other early sources sug-



gest that Hanukah continued to have great popular appeal. With the passage of time our sources readmit it into the tradition, but emphasize the victory of the spirit through reference to the miracle of the oil, which lights the menorah, which casts aside the darkness of the world around.

By the time "al hanisim" was composed, the notion of Jewish powerlessness was acceptable, but it was a matter of remem-

brance, highly theoretical. The full impact of its reference to the miraculous success of the few over the many could hardly be as well understood as in our own time, when we have borne witness to the re-establishment of Jewish self-government in Eretz Yisrael. It is no wonder that the menorah was chosen as the pre-eminent symbol of the State.

While Herzl's dreams were significant in the creation of the State of Israel, it was his drive and that of other early Zionist leaders, and the blood and sweat of the halutzim which was instrumental, and the ongoing vigilance of Israeli governments key. True to the mode of interaction of diaspora Jewry with the dominant authorities, we recognize that

all our efforts notwithstanding, without the negotiations that went on to gain the Balfour declaration we may not have had a state. At the same time, we must recognize that once the State was established, many of those we presumed to be friends turned out to be no friends at all. We have had to depend on ourselves for our ultimate security, turning to others when necessary but as equals, due equal respect, and seek by virtue of right what is rightfully ours, not by favour, in the community of nations. After two millennia in a different posture, it was difficult to become accustomed to the pride, self-confidence and strength it takes to survive as a modern independent state. It was difficult, but it was done. How much has this profound change penetrated world Jewry in the years since 1948?

First battle

The Maccabean rebellion was perhaps the first battle fought in the Western world to establish the principle of the rights of a minority community. It remains a model for the struggle for minority rights, which have to be won in battle of one sort or another, and don't come magically to those who sit and wait, or to those who rely on favours from friends in behind-the-scenes dealings. The ultimately-failed practice of *shtadlanut* makes this latter point as well. Alas, awareness doesn't easily lead to change. For some, the lessons of Hanukah have yet to be learned.

Ian J. Kagedan is Director of Government Relations for B'nai Brith Canada. He is a former professor of religious studies.

Why you and I must go to Jerusalem now!

By Haskel Lookstein

NEW YORK (JTA) — American Jews are, correctly, outraged by the Arab rock throwers and knife-wielders in the Holy Land who attack worshippers at the Western Wall and innocent civilians in the streets.

We are angry at a United Nations which condemns Israel unfairly and ignores the atrocities of Israel's enemies. We are disappointed in the Bush administration's readiness to join in that condemnation in the interest of maintaining the coalition of the nations of the world against a vicious and dangerous tyrant in Iraq.

All of our rallies have addressed these awesome problems and we must maintain vigilance and pressure in the weeks and months ahead to deal with these vital issues.

But there is another problem which we have thus far ignored, and which threatens to dwarf all of the others in importance. That problem is the disappearance of American Jews from the streets of Jerusalem and all of Israel during the past three years and, particularly, for the past three months.

Those few who have returned from spending the High Holy Day season in Israel report that the hotels are empty. At one point during Sukkot, there were nine guests in the Jerusalem Hilton, a hotel where, in the past, one practically needed to know a government minister in order to get a room during the festival season of the year.

But the issue is far more than economic. The issue is the morale of our brothers and sisters who know that they are repudiated by much of the world but who now fear that they are being abandoned by American Jews.

That fear is potentially much more destructive than Arab rock throwers, U.N. blame-throwers and even United States guilt-throwers. The feeling that Israelis are isolated even from the Jewish community here in the United States is potentially so demoralizing as to raise the possibility of hopelessness in Israel itself.

If, in fact, we leave the streets of Israel empty of American Jews, then we are handing the Arabs their greatest victory. If we are afraid to go on missions and to daven at the Kotel, to see the beautiful sights of the Holy Land, what do we expect of Israelis? When will they turn around and call us cowards, traitors or, even worse, bystanders as were our forebears 50 years ago?

The terrible irony of our timorous mood here is that the facts of life in Israel are vastly different from what American Jews fear.

I was in Tel Aviv during the last three days of August, when the talk of gas masks and storing provisions was at its height. Friends of mine questioned me about why I was going at such a dangerous time. In Tel Aviv, however, I felt absolutely no danger. I looked at the crowds on the beach, the sunbathers around the pool in the Tel Aviv Hilton, and all of the other people going about the business of working or touring and having a wonderful time doing it.

The reality in Israel is so different from the false images conjured up by sensationalist reporters on TV and in the newspapers. The reality is, quite clearly, that it is much safer to walk on any street in Israel than on Park Avenue and Fifth Avenue in New York. One's health and life are at far greater risk in utilizing public transportation in our metropolitan area than riding the buses in Israel.

It is up to you and me to change this distorted perspective about Israel. It is up to you and me to show other American Jews that a visit to Israel is joyous, uplifting, inspiring — and very safe. The only way to do this is by going. You and I must pick ourselves up, drop whatever we are doing and go and spend time, happily, in Jerusalem and in the other cities of Israel.

That is why Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun and the Ramaz School launched "Operation L'hitraot" with a mini-mission to Israel from Nov. 10 to Nov. 16. We urge other congregations and schools to form their own mini-missions. Give up a week and gain a land.

If you had the flu for a few days, your business or profession would not cease to exist. Instead of the flu, then, fly to Israel on El Al and see and be seen in the Holy Land.

There are some problems about which we can only scream but which we cannot solve. The perception of American Jewish abandonment of Israel, however, is one problem which is immediately solvable by you and me. We can solve it with our feet by going to Jerusalem now.

A prominent motion picture personality once said: "Ninety percent of life consists of just showing up." Perhaps we might say that 90 percent of what we can do for Israel right now is to just show up. L'hitraot!

Robbi Haskel Lookstein, spiritual leader of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun and the principal of Ramaz School, is chairman of the Greater New York Coalition for Soviet Jews and the author of "Were We Our Brothers' Keepers: The Public Response of American Jews to the Holocaust, 1938-1944."

KID LIT

by Deanna Silverman

Our Festival of Lights

Eyes and cheeks glowing, young children stare at the dancing flames of Hanukkah candles with wonderous concentration. It's a though every fibre of their being is absorbing the brilliance of those tiny lights.

Innocent curiosity clothes the holiday's sights, songs, and story in an aura of awesome puzzlement and total acceptance. Sometimes fearfully, more often gleefully, young children immerse themselves in the spirit of this "new" experience, building enduring memories.

The Hanukkah story of the victorious Maccabees and the single vial of oil that burned for eight days and nights is a spellbinder.

Add to it the mystery of candles and blessings, the warmth of family celebration, the delicious aroma and taste of latkes, the challenge and fun of dreidel, the delight of gifts and the sum is a holiday that can light the flame of Jewish history and practice in what Hannah Senesh called "the secret fastness of the heart."

A good Hanukkah book for young children can help kindle that flame. For older children a good Hanukkah book may intensify its hot blue light.

I Love Hanukkah
by Marilyn Hirsh
Holiday House 1984
Unpagged Ages 3-5
Available at

Temple Israel Library
The Power of Light
Eight Stories for Hanukkah
By Isaac Bashevis Singer
Avon Books 1982
72 pages Ages 10 and up
Available at Temple Israel Library

I Love Hanukkah is a carefully crafted simple story of how one family celebrates the holiday. Hirsh's illustrations are tender and joyful.

Grandfather reads the historical story to his grandson. The family lights the menorah, eats latkes, plays dreidel. Aunts, uncles, cousins visit and exchange gifts. The children act out the story of the Maccabees. A happy, loving memory of the holiday is created.

By implication Hirsh is advising us to lovingly teach and celebrate the history, traditions and customs of Hanukkah so that later, children — and adults — can personalize it and make it their own.

In *The Power of Light* Isaac Bashevis Singer's eight short stories do just that. They eloquently personalize and extend the meaning of Hanukkah through time and space, taking the reader to Warsaw, Bilgoray, Brooklyn, the Warsaw Ghetto and Russia.

Because Singer is a master storyteller as well as a mystical one, he satisfies his readers at both the supernatural surface level of his stories and at a deeper, more soulful level.

Taken together, the stories celebrate the victory of even the

smallest light over every kind of darkness. Taken separately, each depicts a unique slice of life and a different aspect of the holiday's underlying themes.

The stories span the range of Singer's repertoire: tzaddiks, spirits, a Yiddish-speaking parakeet matchmaker, the prophet Elijah in several guises, insight, second sight, and always the miraculous powers of faith, dedication, hope and love.

On the whole, these are not joyous stories though most have "happy endings." Rather they are complex stories that challenge readers intellectually and emotionally. They haunt, extend imagination and feed the soul.

Although recommended for older children because of the reading level, at least three of the stories could be read to and enjoyed by younger children. The three I recommend are: "A Hanukkah Evening in My Parents' Home," "The Parakeet Named 'Dreidel,'" and "The Square."

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Brunch will feature Russian, Israeli foods

Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO will hold a Youth Aliyah Brunch on Sunday, December 9th from noon till 2 p.m. at Agudath Israel Synagogue, 1400 Colderly Ave.

Past Youth Aliyah campaigns have culminated in a dinner, but this year's format has been changed to a Family Brunch open to the whole community.

Co-chairs of the campaign and the brunch are Maureen and Clary Ottman.

The theme of the 1990 Youth Aliyah Campaign is Soviet Aliyah and the brunch will follow through featuring a combination of Russian and Israeli delicacies. Admission is \$18. adult family members; \$20. adult non-members; children 5 years to 10 years \$8; and children under 5 no charge.

During the brunch there will be activities that will appeal to all family members from grandparents to young children. Scheduled to appear are the Israel Singers; folksinger Isaac Muzikansky, who entertains with Russian, Yiddish and Hebrew songs; and the Interna-

tional Folk Dancers, who will perform both Israeli and Slavic dances. The dance troupe will also teach dances to the audience.

For the young and young-at-heart there'll be a chance to puffy paint a T-shirt to bring home. As well, buttons on which you can have your name printed in Russian or Hebrew will be available. There will be a small charge for the T-shirts and buttons.

The focus of the Youth Aliyah Campaign across Canada is Hadassim Children and Youth Village in Israel.

The Village, as it is known, serves as a regional school for over 1300 pupils including 450 who live on campus. The majority of the boarders are children who have been uprooted.

Hadassim has helped absorb many immigrant children over the years from the Holocaust survivors of the 1940s to the mass-alloy of the fifties with immigrants from Iran and more recently from South America. Currently 110 of the boarders are Soviet olim.

The focal point for the campaign are the 110 children who have arrived from the Soviet Union and the others yet to come.

For reservations for the brunch or for more information call the Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO office at 728-3784. Visa and Mastercard accepted.

Sisterhood to hear Kagedan address Dec. 18

Machzikei Hadas Sisterhood will hold its Chanukah meeting on December 18, at 8:00 p.m. in the Social Hall, 2310 Virginia Drive.

Guest speaker Ian J. Kagedan will speak on "The Miracles of Chanukah, and Their Message for Modern Times."

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- Fold in egg whites.
- Add either blueberries and lemon zest or apples and cinnamon. Gently fold into batter.
- Heat griddle or skillet. Grease well and pour 2 Tbsp (25 mL) batter, for each pancake into skillet. Cook until bottom of pancakes are golden and bubbles rise. Turn and continue cooking until underside is brown.

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**Machzikei Hadas Synagogue
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Prayers 9:00 a.m.

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The Bond Chairman's Corner

By Irving Rivers



I am pleased to report that the State of Israel Bond Campaign has registered a tremendous increase over last year. By the end of 1990 we expect to set a record for Bonds sold in our city. The sales are a result of your response to the pressing needs of Israel during these unprecedented times. I should like to thank my predecessor Jonathan Freedman, and Ethel Taylor, Past Chairman of the Women's Division, for a job well done.

CASH IS CRUCIAL

Notwithstanding our efforts to date, the State of Israel desperately needs cash to provide housing and jobs for our Soviet brethren who are arriving at the rate of up to 1,000 a night. If you have an outstanding commitment please honor it now by sending in your cheque. If you haven't purchased a bond, it's never too late. Call or visit the State of Israel Bond office now.

PERFORM A DOUBLE MITZVAH

Many people I have spoken to are unaware that State of Israel Bonds can be used to pay for charitable donations. The Ottawa Civic Hospital Foundation, the University of Ottawa, Carleton University, Jewish National Fund, and the Hebrew University are just some of the institutions that welcome bonds as payment. In addition, State of Israel Bonds that are two years old and older may be used as payment for UJA 'Operation Exodus' pledges.

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A complete list of charities is available from the Bond office.

APPOINTMENTS

Welcome to new Executive Board members: Stephen Greenberg, Norman Lief, Ian Sadinsky, Sunny Tavel, and Arnon Vered. They join Rabbi Reuven Bulka, Jonathan Freedman, Tom Grossman, Avraham Izy, Dr. Jonathan Isserlin, Morris Presser, Dr. Harry Prizant, Moishe Smith, Ethel Taylor, and Rose Taylor, chairman of the Women's Division. It is my hope that through the determined efforts of our dedicated board we will be able to achieve even greater results in 1991.

Holocaust artifacts requested for planned spring '91 exhibit

Artifacts from the Holocaust are being requested for an exhibit to be mounted in Ottawa this Spring.

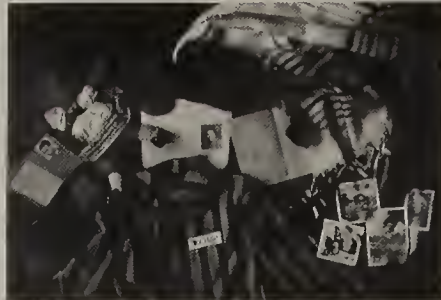
"The Courage To Remember: The Holocaust 1933-1945" will be presented by the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa in conjunction with Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies and the Nepean Public Library.

The exhibit consists of 40 full-colour posters depicting the origins of the Holocaust against the background of World War II. It contains photographs, many never seen before by the general public, which have been contributed by survivors and reclaimed from archives.

"It is an important vehicle for our community to carry on Holocaust education," says exhibit chairperson Lillian Laks.

The exhibit has travelled across Canada and the United States and received acclaim from Jewish and non-Jewish educators. Ottawa Jewish schools and local boards of education are currently booking student tours to the one-hour guided program.

A reception to preview a sample of the exhibit will be held at the Jewish Community Centre on March 24. "The Courage to Remember" will be shown from March 28 until April 16, 1991 at the Nepean Public Library Atrium.



"Take heed...lest you forget the things which your eyes have seen, and...teach them to your children and to your children's children." Deuteronomy 4:9

Graphic designer Esther Schvan, a Second Generation Holocaust Remembrance Committee member, is co-ordinating a display of artifacts that people in Ottawa have saved from the Holocaust. The special local display will accompany the formal exhibit.

"We would like to borrow objects that will provide concrete evidence of the Holocaust," Schvan says.

Schvan said that great care and respect will be given to the loaned objects. They will be in the care of the Committee prior to the exhibit and then displayed in glass cases at the Atrium Gallery.

Those who would like to offer objects for the display may contact Esther Schvan at

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Film on Syrian Jewry packs a dramatic punch

By Ron Csilag

TORONTO — In silhouette, a young man recounts how the Syrian secret police beat his brother-in-law to death because he was a Jew.

Her face partly obscured, a wheelchair-bound Jewish woman tells how she and her family tried to escape from Syria and were betrayed by a neighbor. Border guards opened fire and the woman was hit in the back and kidneys. She was taken to a hospital, where treatment was delayed for as long as possible.

Victor Abati, now a businessman in New York City, chokes on his words as he recalls coming home from work one day in Damascus to find his 24-year-old pregnant wife and their two young children lying in a pool of blood, shot and stabbed, and left in a heap in the darkness. He tells his story openly, his face and identity not hidden. The damage has been done; they cannot hurt him any more than they already have.

Dark, hushed, secretive

The fragmented tales told in *Shadows* are appropriately dark, hushed and secretive. Syrian Jews lucky enough to have left their prison-country tell what it's like to live in a nation where their 4,300 brethren function as if they've been injected with cyanide, numb from constant fear, having their every move monitored by the Mukhabarat, a branch of the secret police created especially to watch the Jewish community.

And even though they're out, they are still afraid to reveal their identities, save for Abati. So terrifying were their experiences that even in their new lives, their faces are concealed in shadows.

Shadows is the first film about Syrian Jewry in more than a decade. Its premier

screening here last week to Jewish communal leaders had its intended effect: that of a freight train hitting the viewer dead on.

A year in the making, the 35-minute video, produced and directed by Toronto access/writer Cayle Chernin, is a milestone, of sorts. It is the first vehicle to accurately and viscerally impart the doom and terror under which Syrian Jews live, and it will doubtless be the most valuable tool to date in raising awareness about a community held hostage.

The producers of *Shadows* have expressed the hope that CBC's *Man Alive* program will televise it. There are also plans to have the film screened to private audiences around the world.

Sponsored mainly by the Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Jews in Arab Lands, the film intersperses its shadowy interviews with expatriate Syrian Jews with sound bites from North American and Israeli experts on the one of the world's oldest Jewish communities, which numbered over 100,000 souls at the turn of the century. Included are comments from a United States Congressman and a Senator that Syrian Jewry must not be forgotten.

Fitting title

The film's title is fitting. Everywhere, there are shadows, whether in footage from sunny Damascus or the other two smaller centres where Jews reside, Aleppo and Qamishli.

For beneath their vibrancy and historical importance, all these places have dark nocks and crannies, where Jews are taken prisoner, held without charges or trial and often tortured simply for being *Mousawi* — literally, members of the Mosaic faith.

From 1948 to 1972, Syria's Jews had no contact with the outside world. After the 1956 Sinai war, Jewish homes in Qamishli were marked with red paint, while following the Six-Day War in 1967, all Jews were placed under six months of house arrest. In the autumn of '67, synagogues in Damascus were torched in a cruel recreation of Germany's Kristallnacht in 1938.

'In the Shadows: the Forgotten Jews of Syria'

will be screened following services and breakfast Sunday morning, December 9
Machzikei Hadas Synagogue
2316 Virginia Drive

Eighteen years ago, Dr. Ronald Feld of Toronto decided to call someone in Syria's Jewish community. After several failed attempts, he connected with the country's chief rabbi, who requested religious books and artifacts from the West. Thus was born an association that endured well beyond 1973, the year Dr. Feld died of a heart attack.

His widow, Judy Feld Carr, took up the cause and has continued her one-woman campaign under the National Task Force for Syrian Jews, which is affiliated with Canadian Jewish Congress and its committee for Jews in Arab lands.

Ever since, Feld Carr has worked non-stop on behalf of Syria's terrorized Jews, while the fund in her late husband's name, at Toronto's Beth

Tzedec Synagogue and at Beth Tfiloah Congregation in Baltimore, collects money for their relief.

It's a community that needs as much relief as it can get. No Jewish emigration is permitted from Syria, which denies it practices organized oppression. Jews cannot vote, hold government jobs or travel freely. Escape attempts are punished by imprisonment, torture and death, as graphically demonstrated by the case of four teenaged girls who tried to escape in 1974, and were raped and murdered when they were caught. Mail and telephone calls to Jews from abroad are censored and monitored.

Oddly, the Nazi-like measures do not apply in the religious realm. Jews worship freely in synagogues and there

are several rabbis. Kosher food, however, is not widely available and the two Jewish schools in Damascus have been ordered to accept large numbers of Palestinian students.

All this in a country where young female army cadets must prove their mettle by hitting the heads off live snakes.

Or as one senior Syrian official is quoted in *Shadows*, in his country, "hate is sacred."

Following last week's screening, a visibly shaken Edward Bronfman, whose family foundation helped underwrite the film, said the video is "a countervailing voice" to reports of harsh treatment of Palestinians by Israel.

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Day to day traumas commonplace

The following is the text of an address delivered by Jeffrey Shinder to Congregation Beth Shalom at Yom Kippur. Its message is self-explanatory. The Bulletin has purposely juxtaposed pictures of those Russian olim who have found a new life in Israel beside Jeff's observations of life in their native country.

By Jeffrey Shinder

As we gather here this evening, practicing our faith without fear of prejudice or reprisal our brethren in the Soviet Union are attending Yom Kippur services at their peril. Almost daily, new chapters are being added to the long and tragic story documenting the Jewish people's plight in Eastern Europe.

To cite a few from the multitude of recent incidents perpetrated against Jews. In the summer of 1989, five vandals in Kaunas, Lithuania desecrated a Jewish cemetery extracting gold estimated to be worth 10,000 rubles from the teeth of some 2000 corpses. On October 22, 1989 Vitaly Lichtmen, formerly the director of a Leningrad cultural house, was murdered in his apartment after he decided to allow a Jewish musical group access to the center. The Star of David was etched by knife on his hands.

Poll conducted

A recent poll of Soviet Jewish leaders conducted by the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews disclosed that 72% of Jewish leaders in Moscow and an astounding 94% in Leningrad believe that a full scale pogrom is possible in the near future. A catastrophe familiar to the Jewish people may be imminent, but now we have the means to avert it.

This summer myself and fifteen other Jewish law students participated in a mission to the Soviet Union. In just two weeks it is difficult to develop a full appreciation of the day to day traumas connected with being Jewish in such a hostile

environment. Yet, in seeing their modest standards of living and hearing their passionate experiences we emerged with a sense of what they must endure.

A family we met in Moscow told us of graffiti imploring "Death to the Jews" located just outside their window. Despite their persistent complaints, it took the city over six months to remove the offensive slogan. A woman in Leningrad sadly recounted how her brilliant young daughter was denied entry into the arts academy. She alleged that the results of her daughter's entrance exam were downgraded by the authorities to render her ineligible. Apparently the majority of the positions in the Leningrad Academy of Arts are reserved for the children of party members. We heard similar charges of doctored entrance exams from a young mathematician in Kiev, who yearns to pursue his education, free from hindrances, in Israel.

Insidious nature

During our stay in Kiev we directly experienced the insidious nature of Soviet anti-Semitism. We visited Kiev University for an arranged meeting with a group of Ukrainian Journalism students. I asked a group of the students what role they felt the local Jewish community could play in Rukh, the emerging Ukrainian popular movement. It should be noted that Rukh has warmly welcomed Jewish participation in their struggle for Ukrainian self determination; an unusually tolerant gesture given the traditional Ukrainian antipathy towards the Jews. Despite Rukh's stance, the students asserted that the Jews have no place in a resurgent Ukraine, as the Jews enjoy privileged positions that suppress Ukrainian workers. That such absurdities could be mouthed by future Ukrainian Journalists does not bode well for Rukh's attempt to reconcile the Jewish and Ukrainian peoples.

We further encountered latent anti-Semitism when we visited Babi-Yar, the site where the Nazis murdered



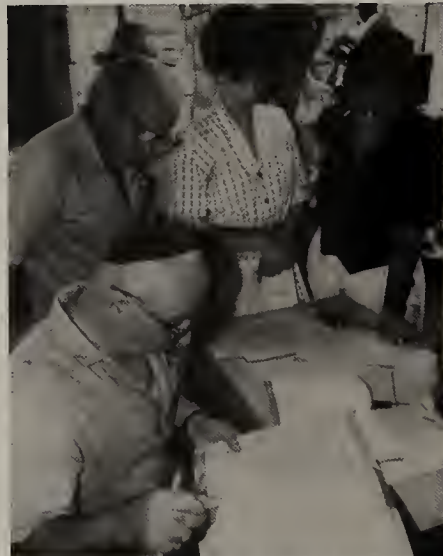
A family from the Soviet Union arrives at the Jewish Agency warehouse in Zerifin to release their shipment (JAFI Communications/David Hass)

100,000 Jews by shooting them into mass graves. Until the late seventies, the Communist authorities refused to place a monument commemorating the dead. The belated monument turned out to be an outrage as it did not depict one distinctively Jewish face among its collage of victims. For our visit to the site, we were assigned a tour guide from Intourist, the state Tourist ministry, the only time during our stay that such provision was made. The tour guide's presentation was disgraceful, as she regaled us with the story of a Ukrainian soccer team executed by the Nazis for the sin of defeating a Nazi team. Never did she mention that the majority of Babi-Yar's victims were Jews. Nor did she discuss the eager and effective assistance provided to the Nazis death squads by the local Ukrainian population.

Prayer for the dead

As we sang a prayer for the dead, I noticed a busload of local Ukrainian schoolchildren, about 9 or 10 years old entering the site. Their happy faces betrayed no appreciation for the evil once perpetrated in those woods. It occurred to me that they were about to be treated to an awful misrepresentation of history, similar to the travesty we heard. If the young are not taught the dangers of extreme racist dogma, is it any wonder that a mere 50 years after Babi-Yar Soviet Jews are again in physical danger?

While the antagonism of the gentile population has intensified, ironically, Jewish cultural and religious life in the Soviet Union has flourished. Jewish day schools and formerly barricaded synagogues have been allowed to open. The Moscow city authorities have permitted a Lubavitch cultural display in a major city park. A Soviet Vaad has been formed, encompassing 224 Jewish organizations.



Soviet immigrants process the release of their lift from the Jewish Agency warehouse in free Zerifin. The Jewish Agency reimburses the cost to the immigrants for shipping their belongings to Israel. (JAFI Communications/David Hass)

The modest renaissance of Jewish life in the Soviet Union, however, has fueled the crude anti-Semitic propaganda of organizations like Pamyat. Glasnost, in turn, has permitted these groups to publicly voice their hate. These groups use the creation of Jewish organizations to validate their malicious claims of an international Zionist conspiracy undermining the fragile national structure of the Soviet Union.

Blaming the Jews for the nationalities problem in the Soviet Union is typical of the way certain Russian intellectuals have used their new freedom to castigate Jews for all the tragedies of Soviet history. Valentin Pikul, a reputed historian, excused Stalin as a "product of his epoch" but labels Jewish

Bolsheviks as "fanatics of mass murder, responsible for the genocide of Russians."

Valentin Rasputin, an acclaimed Russian novelist, has made similar accusations. These are not the opinions of disregarded fringe fanatics, Mr. Rasputin; for one, was recently appointed to Mr. Gorbachev's Presidential Council, the supreme body formed to replace the Politburo.

Rasputin's controversial appointment is but one of many examples of state or party complicity and encouragement of anti-Semitism. On one level state acquiescence with anti-Semitism is seen by the authorities tepid response to increasingly virulent forms of Jew-hatred. For example, in May of 1989, Mikhail Gorbachev dismissed a Congress



Tanya Yosephson, 19, from Kishinev, in the orange orchard of Kibbutz Na'an where she attends ulpan. (JAFI Communications/Paul Samson)

for Jews still living in Russia



Alexander ("Sasha") Rappaport, who arrived from Leningrad six months ago, earns his living by painting portraits of eager Israelis who come to watch his work on the Ben Yehudah Street Mall in downtown Jerusalem. (JAFI Communications/Paul Samson)



New immigrants from the Soviet Union in the laundry room of the Jewish Agency's Kiryat Yam Absorption Center in a Haifa suburb. (JAFI Communications/Joe Malcolm)

of People's Deputies' petition that demanded the Congress to take action to control the spread of anti-Semitism.

Gorbachev could reduce Jewish anxiety with a simple straightforward condemnation of anti-Semitism. Unfortunately he has yet to do so. The Kremlin also deserves condemnation for its shameful treatment of refuseniks. In 1990, while an estimated 200,000 Soviet Jews have managed to leave, anywhere between 1,000-2,000 refuseniks remain captive. The reasons for this apparent anomaly were aptly explained to us by Mark Kotiyar, a refusenik we met in Kiev. Mr. Kotiyar, who fortunately was released this summer, explained that refuseniks are, in effect, hard currency to the Soviet regime. Moscow retains a reservoir of Jewish refuseniks to use them as barter for American trade concessions. Mr. Kotiyar had experienced this disgraceful policy first hand, because immediately prior to our meeting with him, he met with American Secretary of State James Baker in Moscow.

Underscoring Moscow's cynical approach to refuseniks, are the ridiculous

visions that prevent emigration if a spouse or parent objects. These reforms have not materialized; partially due to Gorbachev's indifference but also because of explicit bureaucratic policy. While we exit over the exodus of Soviet Jewry, we must not forget that the problem of refuseniks remains unresolved. In Soviet Russia, as long as there are Jews, there will be refuseniks.

State complicity with anti-Semitism is also evident in the publishing of anti-Semitic diatribes in party journals and newspapers. A respected former Moscow correspondent characterized a recent article in the official magazine of the Communist party youth wing as the "most comprehensive, vicious anti-Semitic attack published in an official Soviet organ since Gorbachev came to power." The article, entitled "Who will stop the aggressor?" included logistical details of meetings between Soviet Jewish leaders and Soviet officials known only

to government authorities and the KGB.

The feeling exists, among Soviet Jews, that anti-Semitism is being used by the authorities to maintain popular support during the difficult transition to a market system. Noting their tragic history, our Jewish friends stated that both pro and anti-perestroika factions have exploited anti-Semitism to their advantage. Radical reform leaders taint Communism by associating it with the many Jewish Bolsheviks. Conservative elements determined to preserve the Communist system, blame the Jews for the system's ills, thereby insulating the system itself from criticism.

Some Soviet Jewish commentators believe that the authorities, while encouraging anti-Semitism, have paradoxically restrained organizations like Pamyat. An insightful Jewish lady we met in Moscow, noted that despite isolated incidents of violent anti-Semitism, there have been no large scale attacks on synagogues, Jewish schools or cultural centres. In her opinion, the authorities exploit anti-Semitism without allowing it to deteriorate into violent forms that may tarnish the Soviet Union's image in the west. The Russian people, like most cultures with an authoritarian tradition, instinctively fear chaos. The authorities' reluctance to sanction pogroms is, in part, a reflection of this trend.

Restraining hand

The unprecedented disintegration of the Soviet political system, however, may sever the authorities' restraining hand from the anti-Semitic organizations. At present, bread, milk, eggs, meat, and cigarettes are being rationed in Russian cities. The state does not have the hard currency reserves needed to offer subsidies to insulate the Soviet consumer from impending price increases. With her empire

lost, the Soviet Union is in danger of losing her grip on the republics. The ingredients for Fascism are all in place; an authoritarian tradition, economic collapse, social disintegration, and a once proud people both spurned by their neighbours and jealous of Western affluence. The political situation in the Soviet Union is like having a ball placed at the apex of a pyramid, as the slightest breeze could force the ball to fall in any direction. The fate of the, at least 1,000,000, Jews who remain in the Soviet Union, will be decided by the uncertain path of that ball.

Tomorrow too late

As a result, we must get the Soviet Jews out now, because tomorrow may be too late. Please allow me one final observation about the historic opportunity before us. In this year of German re-unification, ironically, the Jewish people are achieving an equally dramatic re-unification. Soviet Jewry, acculturated by an ideology of atheism that denied them their faith, are rediscovering their roots and re-joining the international Jewish community. It is as if we have suddenly found one of the ten lost tribes. What a pleasure it was to experience their joy when they received the Jewish literature we brought them. Or their hunger for knowledge about Israel. At the great Shul, the Jewish cultural exhibit in Moscow, or a Jewish day school in Riga, we were swarmed by Soviet Jews eager for contact with their Jewish brothers from the West. But thinly masked by their happiness was an earnest plea for help. We can and will help them, so someday soon we can bring to reality the saying "Am Ahad, Medinah Ahad, Derech Ahad, One people, One state, One destiny." Shalom and Good Luck to us all.

Jeffrey is the son of Zelaie and Sol Shinder.



Soviet Jewish teenagers on the lawn of Kibbutz Na'an where they attend ulpan. (JAFI Communications/Paul Samson)

Jackie Mason has another winner

That 'short Jew from New York' a hit again

By Eli Wohlgerler
NEW YORK (JTA) — He's short. He's overweight. He talks with an accent that sounds like a mock who just got off the boat. And he's hardly what you would call a marquee idol. So how is it that Jackie Mason, who opened his new one-man Broadway show recently to overwhelming critical acclaim, is such a success?

"Timing," said actor Michael Douglas, who is one of the financial backers of the show. "You take it for granted, but if you listen carefully to his meter, it's very much like playing an instrument. It's a talent that has been honed and refined like a concert pianist. He's just sharp, and he has a great sense of absurdity."

Repeated absurdities
At the opening-night party at Symphony Cafe, a midtown restaurant here, friends and guests mingled about, repeating to each other some of Mason's insights on life's absurdities. Like how people are charged a fortune for Perrier because it's a status symbol, when it's really nothing more than seltzer.

"What they should have done is call it selt-zier," quipped Mason on stage.

His brother, Rabbi Bernard Maza, was there, and naturally he liked the show. To him, it doesn't matter if you're Jewish or not, you're still going to like Mason "because he's truth, and everybody appreciates the fact that he's making fun of truth. Whether you're Jewish or goyish, it doesn't make any difference. It's just brilliant social commentary."

But brilliant commentary does not guarantee a hit show. "It's an unpredictable commodity when you start out a whole new show," said Mason. "While you're sweating and struggling to be the best ever in your life, there's no way to predict what's actually going to

come of it.

"I wouldn't have been the first that came to Broadway thinking he had a hit and caved in. There's more dead bodies on Broadway than any place in the world. Vietnam hasn't killed as many people as Broadway."

Mason had been down this road before, opening four years ago in "The World According to Me." For that he won a Tony, an Emmy and an Ace award, and was nominated for a Grammy.

The question on opening night was, could lightning strike twice? The critics like him again? To the public who saw him that night, there was no wonder why Mason was a hit.

"I think he's wonderful, he makes me feel 20 years younger," said A.M. Rosenthal, columnist and former executive editor at *The New York Times*. "He also hurts my kishkas because I laugh so much."

And his genius? "He touches something, like all great comics. There's an immediate recognition. When he says something, like when a Jew is driving a car, you see yourself immediately. So as you laugh, you're really laughing at yourself. That's what a great comedian is about," said Rosenthal.

Element of truth
Famed divorce attorney Raoul Felder agreed. "There's an element of truth in everything he does," Felder said. "Comedy is reality, and we all recognize part of ourselves in what he says."

Explaining why this Jewish comic is so successful, Felder said, "Because he's Everyman. There's a part of him in everybody. Whether we're Jew or gentile, there's that part of us that he touches. He's a modern Will Rogers."

Even sports stars who were there felt a kinship. Asked to explain how a big football player from Albany, Ga., can relate to a short Jew from New York, Bart Oates, the 6-foot-3-inch, 265-pound center of the New York Giants said, "I think inwardly that's what I really am — I'm in a large body, but I think I'm really a short Jew, so I relate to him very well."

Admittedly nervous

Mason admitted being nervous during the first half of the opening-night show, even though a week's worth of previews had been successful. With a couple of failures the last few years — most notably the TV sitcom "Chicken Soup" and the movie bomb "Caddyshack II" — one could understand his apprehension. Still...

"I honestly feel I might have a hit," he said, "but it's not in my own hands, it's in the critics' hands to decide. If I had to judge by the audience's reaction, I would say undoubtedly I have a huge hit."

"But I've been involved more than once in a theater where I saw the audience jumping for joy, flying through the ceiling, and the critic acts as though he never saw the same show. You would never know he was in the same building as the audience."

Loves judging

"A critic loves the idea of judging things independently of an audience reaction," said Mason. "And they somehow

revel in the thought, glory in the thought, of being able to tell you why it stinks just because everybody loves it. Sometimes you almost feel like they enjoy telling you the opposite of what you think, teaching you a lesson for being a hit."

As the night wore on, the reviews started coming in. First were the television critics. Said Diana Maychick of WNYW-TV, "It will definitely win another Tony."

Then came the early editions of the newspapers. "The show ends with some lovely cantorial singing, a reminder that Jackie began his career as a rabbi," wrote Howard Kissel of the *New York Daily News*. "Since laughter is a gift of God, his work might still be considered rabbinical."

'One of a kind'

Finally, *The New York Times*, the only review that really counts. "Mr. Mason is one of a kind," wrote Mel Gussow, "a stand-up comic who has found a hospitable home on Broadway." Lighten-

ing had indeed struck twice.

"Even the people who hated me last time are raving," Mason gushed on the phone to a friend in Los Angeles, playwright Larry Gelbart, whose own hit show, "City Of Angels," is playing across the street.

"I think like any great comedian, he knows us," said Jerry Nachman, editor of the *New York Post*. "He makes us laugh at ourselves, because it's our behavior that he's exposing, and he catches us. But because he's a nice man, he makes it a joke rather than an attack. So the laugh, I think, is a laugh of self-discovery."

But this short Jew from New York — what's the appeal? "Benjamin Franklin was our ambassador to France in the 18th century," Nachman said, "and he totally charmed the court. He was not urbane, he was not attractive and he did not try to speak French well. But he was so ingenious, and so much not a poseur, that they adored him. That's why Jackie works."

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Prize-winning debaters Adam Segal and Doug Nathanson

Local boys make good at debating tourney

By Kim Goggins

Two students of Sir Robert Borden High School have brought back first place trophies from one of the largest debating tournaments in Eastern Canada.

Adam Segal and Doug Nathanson made up one of the teams Sir Robert Borden sent to the McGill Debating Tournament, held at McGill University, Nov. 9 to 10.

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Segal, a Grade 11 student, also received First Place Honours out of all of the speakers, while Nathanson, a tenth Grade student placed tenth out of all the speakers.

Debating coach, Kathie Elliott said their accomplishments are very good for such a young team. "We've only had the (debating) union here for three years," she said. "They're all doing remarkably well."

The students were involved in two prepared debates and four impromptu debates, at the McGill Tournament.

Sir Robert Borden is hosting a debating tournament Nov.

30, involving schools from all over the area, from Renfrew to Brockville.

Adam is the son of Carol and Sonny Segal and Doug is the son of Toby and Ted Nathanson.

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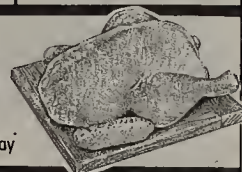
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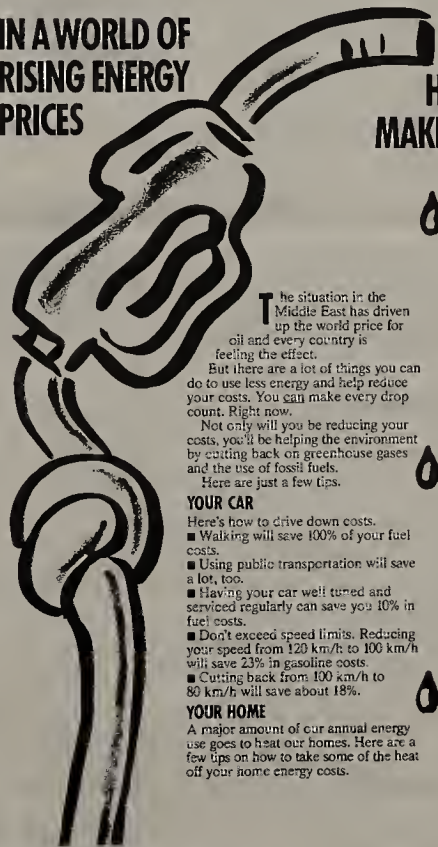


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Forum to become involved

Diverse group of busy women find B & P stimulating

By Debra David

When my cousin Paula invited me to join her at a "beeyandpea" planning meeting, some 23 months ago, there were a few things that I was slow to understand.

First of all, it took me a while to tease out the meaning of "beeyandpea." Like so many other oddities in the Ottawa dialect, it turned out to be an acronym.

"B & P" for goodness' sake, not beeyandpea.

The acronym was the mercifully short way to refer to the Business and Jewish Appeal group of United Jewish Appeal women's division in Ottawa: a mouthful to say at the best of times.

It also took me a few planning meetings and a couple of B & P programs to see how attractive the group would become to me, a Jewish professional woman raised in the salty air of Nova Scotia, and transplanted relatively recently to Ottawa via Israel and a few other stops.

Once past those hurdles, I was practically deafened by the magnitude of the "click" — of understanding, belonging, and interest — that sounded in my head.

Galvanic effect

Apparently, B & P has had a similar galvanic effect on others, too. It provides a forum for a diverse group of women to become involved with the Ottawa Jewish community.

B & P programs and meeting times are geared to the needs and interests of business and professional women, but all interested women are welcome to participate.

B & P was the brainchild of four women (including my wonderful cousin): Paula Agulnik, Geri Goldstein,

Natalie Stern and Benita Blustein.

In the banter of the B & P executive, these four have come to be called the "founding mothers."

They were assisted in their efforts to establish the group four years ago by Susannah Dalfen, who was serving as chair of UJA women's division at the time.

Raising money for UJA is part of the group's raison d'être. Canvassing takes place at one B & P meeting each year, during the fall UJA campaign.

The group has succeeded in making a significant contribution to UJA.

Raise awareness

Another B & P objective is to raise awareness among the group of Jewish communal issues, locally, nationally and internationally.

More than 50 women attended the opening event of the 1990-1991 season, a dinner program on October 25th called "From Tashkent to Tel Aviv."

In addition to meeting new people and expanding their professional networks, they enjoyed Dr. Maureen Molot's timely presentation on the current political situation in the Middle East, and Dr. Dorit Ravid's fascinating account of language acquisition and Hebrew language history.

The B & P agenda also includes panels and speakers on a wide variety of interests — political, cultural, historical, sociological...

Rosalie Abella has been booked to speak at the year's closing meeting in June.

The topic at the next B & P meeting is women and financial independence. Guest speaker Judy Haye promises to



Women's B & P Executive, left to right: Barbara Blevis, UJA Campaign Associate; Debra David, Paula Bennett, Rhoda Attwood, Marlene Levine, Rhona Shaffran-Tenenbaum, Paula Agulnik, Geri Goldstein, Benita Blustein, Geri Migicovsky, Roberta Goldmaker, Natalie Stern, Evelyn Stone, Linda Steingarten, Roslyn Kimmel, 1991 UJA Women's Division Chair, Ruth Berger, and Susannah Dalfen.

demystify the matter on Wednesday, January 23rd at the Chateau Laurier.

Chaired first by Evelyn Stone and now by Paula A., B & P has carved a distinctive niche for itself and provides a

single support system for (me and other) business and professional women in the community.

One measure of the success of the group is the number of women who join its executive.

A shared sense of dedication and fun keep me coming back for more!

For more information, contact Gail Migicovsky (729-0333) or Paula Agulnik (828-8947, evenings).

NCSY offers great programs for teens

The National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) will be starting its fun-filled 1991 calendar with a ski trip to Camp Fortune on Wednesday, January 2.

Anyone between the ages of 11-18 is invited to participate.

The bus will leave from Machzikei Hadas Synagogue at 9 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. The

cost is \$18, and includes transportation. Ski rentals are extra and lessons must be registered for in advance.

For further information contact Hannah Griller at 731-5271, Lisa Marko at 523-3831 or Lauren Shaps at 521-4437.

The Junior NCSY group from across the city will gather

for a Chanukah Scavenger Hunt on Saturday evening, December 8 at 7-10 p.m. at Congregation Machzikei Hadas, 2310 Virginia Dr.

Following the program, a "make your own sundaes" fest will be enjoyed.

Children in grades 6-8 are invited to attend.

Poet Seymour Mayne wins coveted award

Poet Seymour Mayne was awarded the ALTA (American Literary Translators Association) Poetry Translation Prize at the Festival of Poetry Translation held in Washington, D.C. in October.

Mayne, who is a professor of English at the University of Ottawa, received the award for his translations of the great Yiddish poet, Abraham Sutzkever.

A selection of Mayne's translations entitled *Burnt Pearls: Ghetto Poems of Abraham Sutzkever*, was published some time ago to very favourable attention.

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War crimes investigation focus of YLD program

On Tuesday, October 16, the Young Leadership Development Committee was pleased to present Arnold Fradkin, Deputy Director of Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes Section of the Canadian Department of Justice, for their fifth educational program of the 1990 series.

Mr. Fradkin was lead prosecutor in the case against Jacob Luitjens in Vancouver, (presently awaiting judgement) and is also lead counsel in the case against Steven Reistetter of St. Catharines, Ontario. (Accused of deporting thousands of Jews from Czechoslovakia).

Mr. Fradkin also mentioned the Imre Finta case, which is under appeal by the Government and the case against



Speaker Arnold Fradkin

Michael Pawlawski which is presently before the courts.

Another large receptive Young Leadership Development crowd snared with Mr. Fradkin their concerns and interest regarding alleged Nazi war criminals in Canada.

The audience was given a brief but accountable history of the public recommendations of the Deschenes Commission Report, and the Governments response.

Responded to questions

In his role as Deputy Director, Mr. Fradkin attempted to respond to many of the questions directed at him by the inquisitive audience. Why has the Canadian Government not prosecuted war criminals since 1948? How could so many war criminals have entered our Canadian soil? Why has our Government taken such a relaxed stand? Why did it take Solicitor-General Robert Kaplan's office so long to look into the existence of Nazi war criminals in Canada? Why are there only four out of 224 cases recognized by the 1985 Deschenes Commission report being investigated at this time?

But, as he had stated earlier in his presentation, many of the answers wanted by our audience were subject to privileged and confidential informa-



The audience gave the speaker its undivided attention.

tion which he could not disclose.

In his final remarks, Mr. Fradkin established that what we are witnessing today is not a Jewish issue, but a Canadian issue. He is confident that the legal system will do its job.

He stated that, in addition to amending the criminal code, the Canadian Government has, by establishing the Special Prosecution Unit in the Depart-

ment of Justice and the Investigative Unit in the RCMP, taken a firm position that Canada will not be a haven for War Criminals.

Since the creation of the two Units, four cases have been brought before the courts, namely Jacob Luitjens, Imre Finta, Michael Pawlawski, and Steven Reistetter.

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Kids and parents had fun at Family Expo

By Reesa Aaron

The Jewish Youth Library of Ottawa presented its second annual Jewish Family Expo "Saluting the Unity of the Jewish People" recently.

The event, dubbed a resounding success, was held recently at the Nepean Centrepointe Theatre.

About 600 guests arrived to take in an afternoon designed to capture the imagination of the Jewish child, teens (young teens) and adults.

The people were treated to a superb entertainment line-up featuring the hilarious antics of Dr. Laz and his band with bluegrass, jazz and rap (and Jewish lyrics), and the enchantment of the Smail Wonder Puppet Theatre.

In addition, there was a dazzling array of fun-filled activities to choose from in the 30 exhibits and booths set up and manned by over 60 volunteers.

Children were challenged to join the Jewish Birthday Club,

to make their own shabbos candles, to braid their own challah and to bake matzah with Rabbi Sperlin at the matzah-baking factory.

Children could create their own designer challah boards and decks (covers) and thereafter join the mitzvah-torah train.

Reb David the Scribe was on hand to enlighten on how to tie tzitzit, write on parchment and make a shofar. Rafi the Robot was there too, imparting his knowledge on computer games. And how about a personalized kippa with your very own Jewish name?

We Want You! Army of Hashem called out to the children throughout the afternoon.

The Expo was a pet project of the Jewish Youth Library of Ottawa. This is the library's annual event and major fundraiser of the year. Months of tireless preparations went into creating this special day that saw no end to Jewish frolic.



Congress in Brief

By Eric Vernon
Director of Legislative Analysis
Canadian Jewish Congress

Canadian Jewish Congress's senior leaders have recently concluded a fact-finding tour through Eastern Europe. The mission aimed at solidifying contacts with Jewish communities in the region and at offering our expertise to government leaders in the areas of combating anti-Semitism and establishing human rights legislation and infrastructures. Back in Ottawa, CJC was busy on a number of fronts, two of which are now highlighted:

• On Tuesday, October 30, 1990 a CJC delegation appeared before the Senate of Canada's Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology to present our brief on Bill C-18, legislation aimed at establishing a separate Department of Multiculturalism and Citizenship. Congress endorsed the concept of such a Department as a way of enhancing the profile of multiculturalism in Canadian society and of establishing an organized government infrastructure to implement the national multiculturalism policies enacted in 1988.

CJC made a few recommendations which we believe will improve the bill and increase the efficiency of the

proposed department. The Senate Committee welcomed our suggestions and seemed particularly interested in CJC's recommendation for the establishment of an Official Commissioner of Multiculturalism. This office would function like the one for Official Languages, as a watchdog over the government to promote compliance with the established national multiculturalism policies.

• The major CJC initiative in Ottawa recently was a founding partner of the Coalition for the Year for Racial Harmony in helping organize the November 5th rally at Regional Headquarters prior to the speech by David Irving. Irving, you will recall, is the infamous racist and fascist Holocaust denier whom the Board of Directors of the Ottawa Congress Centre refused to bar from speaking at this provincial facility. (CJC also joined in the unsuccessful efforts to persuade the Congress Centre Board to rescind the invitation to Irving.)

Under the able leadership of Alderman Mark Maloney, in conjunction with Liberal Party multiculturalism critic Shirley Mahieu and other political figures, a coalition of community groups, including

Jewish and Black organizations, the Canadian Ethnocultural Council, the National Capital Alliance on Race Relations and the City of Ottawa's Committee on Visible Minorities, came together to deal with the presence of Irving in our community.

A motion was approved in committee at City Council to declare 1991 the "Year for Racial Harmony" in Ottawa. It was decided to launch officially this campaign with a rally on November 5th to coincide with Irving's talk, to protest his presence with a celebration of the positive feelings of community tolerance and co-operation.

The rally drew some 400 people who were entertained with music and heard compelling messages sent in from Premier Bob Rae, the Royal Canadian Legion and others, and stirring speeches from religious and political leaders, Ovide Mercredi of the Assembly of First Nations, and Vaad Executive Director Gerry Koffman.

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In memory of Leon "Label" Rosenbaum, Toronto, brother-in-law of Laura Greenberg by Steven, Jeffrey, Mona and Allan Taylor; by Ethel and Irving Taylor; by Rose and Chick Taylor; by Edie and Issie Landau; by Sylvia and Morton Pleet and family; by "The Lunch Bunch"; by Gladys Bodnoff; by Rachelle and Gerry Koffman; by Nancy and

Keith Jeale; by Doreen and Ariel Arnoni; by Lillian and Mark Zunder; by Claire and Irving Bercovitch; by Frances and Maurie Hodess, Oak Park, Mich., and by Rossie and Dave Pearlman, Southfield, Mich.

In memory of Doris Baylin by Laura Greenberg.

NATHAN AND SARAH GREENBERG MEMORIAL FUND

Wishing Mrs. Doris Toronto a r'fuah sh'lemah by Tami and Robert Berezin.

In memory of Doris Baylin by Tami and Robert Berezin.

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In memory of Doris Baylin by Zelda and John Greenberg.

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GROSSMAN-KLEIN FAMILIES FUND

Wishing Marcia Hubleby a speedy recovery by Vera and Leslie Klein.

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In memory of Suzi Goldberg by Ellen and Gary Greenberg.

HILLEL LODGE ENDOWMENT FUND

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In memory of Doris Baylin by Clara and Med Hassan.

Wishing Anne Goldenberg a speedy recovery by Rose and David Fine.

Mazal Tov to Ethel and David Malek on the marriage of their son Allan to Debbie Litwin by Simmy and Chuck Gardner.

Mazal Tov to Dorothy and Herb Nadolny on the birth of a new grandson by Simmy and Chuck Gardner.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Max Sternthal by Simmy and Chuck Gardner.

In honour of Anita and Herb Saslove on their 40th wedding anniversary by Frances and Jules Cogan.

In memory of Mrs. Shirley Cogan's father, Wyncoot, P.A., by Frances and Jules Cogan.

In memory of Beck Greenberg's father, Willowdale, Ontario, by Frances and Jules Cogan.

In memory of Anita Brill, mother of Marvin Brill, by Sally and Elliott Levitan.

In memory of Mrs. Sarah Kerzner, Toronto, by Evelyn and Irving Greenberg.

HY HOCHBERG MEMORIAL LECTURE FUND

In memory of Doris Baylin by Pauline Hochberg.

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In memory of Max Farber by Bella Goldberg and family; by Janet and Stephen Kaiman; and by Sandy Farber.

In observance of the Yartzheit of a dear husband and father, Arnold F. Philippon by Annie and Sally Philippon.

DOROTHY AND HY HYMES FUND

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Max Sternthal by Goldie Abramson.

In memory of Doris Baylin by Goldie Abramson.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE YOUTH SERVICES FUND

Wishing Milton Koffman a r'fuah sh'lemah by The Board and Staff of the Jewish Community Centre.

In memory of Dr. Saul Rochman by Carol and Ralph Kassie, Jenn and Joey.

JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY FUND

Mazal Tov to Bruce Metrick on having attained a Bachelor of Arts Degree by Ann and Sam Brozovsky.

Mazal Tov to Irving Osterer on having attained a Masters Degree in Education by Ann and Sam Brozovsky.

In memory of Rosalie Dreskin by Shirley and Vic Steinberg.

In memory of Jack Labow, Montreal, by Irene and Bob Stein.

JEREMY KANTER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Dr. Saul Rochman by Julie and Jeff Kanter and family.

In memory of Sonny Weinstein, brother of Norma Eisenstat, Mtl., by Evelyn and Lou Eisenberg.

Wishing good health and much happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kanter, Thornhill, Ontario, in their new home by Evelyn and Lou Eisenberg.

Mazal Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Cogan on the birth of their grandson by Evelyn and Lou Eisenberg.

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Lou Schaefer, Montreal, on their 40th wedding anniversary by Evelyn and Lou Eisenberg.

MAX AND DORA KAPINSKY KARP MEMORIAL FUND

Congratulations to Ronald Watts on a happy and healthy

retirement by Fay and Nap Kapinsky.

In memory of Doris Baylin by Fay and Nap Kapinsky.

In honour of the fine sons of Dora and Max Kapinsky by Sonia and Arthur Viner.

EVA AND ISRAEL KARDISH FUND

Mazal Tov to Linda and Ken Mirsky on the engagement of their son Laurie to Robin by Margo, David, Aaron and Gail Kardish.

Mazal Tov to Jennie Cohen on the engagement of her grandson Laurie to Robin by Margo, David, Aaron and Gail Kardish.

In memory of Suzi Goldberg by Margo and David Kardish and family.

In memory of Doris Baylin by Eva and Israel Kardish.

SAMUEL AND TILLIE KARDISH FUND

In memory of Suzi Goldberg by Mary and Len Potechin; by Joy and David Kardish; and by Doris and Joe Hoffman.

In memory of Doris Baylin by David and Joy Kardish; by Sam Kardish; by Larry Kardish; and by Cheryl and Brian Levitan, Elana and Tyler.

Best wishes to Doris and Joe Hoffman on their anniversary by Aunt Libby Lieff.

BENJAMIN AND LILLIAN KATZ MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Max Farber by Carolyn and Sid Katz.

In memory of Doris Baylin by Carolyn and Sid Katz.

In honour of Rena and E. Max Cohen on their 25th wedding anniversary by Carolyn and Sid Katz.

CLAIRE AND ABE KEVANSTEIN FUND

In memory of Doris Baylin

by Claire Kevanstein.

ARTHUR AND SARAH KIMMEL MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Jack Labow, Mtl., uncle of Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Labow and family by Marilyn and Dan Kimmel.

JACOB AND ESTHER KIZELL MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Norma Sirett, sister of Gert Marks by Cynthia and Stanley Flesher.

In memory of Jack Chapman by Frances and Michael Rubin.

NORMAN AND SONIA KIZELL FOUNDATION

Mazal Tov to Sonia Kizell on the engagement of her granddaughter Gina Pearl to Michael Gottlieb, Israel by Barbara and Michel Shore and family.

KOFFMAN FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND

In honour of Ingrid and Sam Shapiro by Bea and Milton Koffman.

Wishing Mr. Ed Cohen a speedy recovery by Doris Koffman; and by Anne and Al Bloom.

KRANTZBERG KRANE FAMILY FOUNDATION

In memory of Doris Baylin by Julia Krane and Daniel Paul, Toronto.

KOVOD FUND

Mazal Tov to Harry Rubinfeld, Winnipeg, Manitoba, on his 60th birthday by Rachelle, Gerry, Joshua and Jodi Koffman.

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Sheila and Bob Cohen, Toronto; by Vicki and Earle Weiss, South Natick, Mass.; and by Norton and Nina Lithwick, Willowdale, Ontario.

SAMUEL AND IRENE KRONICK FUND
Best birthday wishes to Irene Kronick by Louis Coplan.
In observance of the Yahrzeit of our dear father, Solomon Coplan by Irene Kronick and Louis Coplan.

SAMUEL AND MARY LESH MEMORIAL FUND
Best wishes to Norman Lesh on his 60th birthday by Sue and John Fisher and family; and by Doris Finn.

HUGO AND RUTH DAYIS LEYENDEL FUND
In observance of the Yahrzeit of my beloved wife Ruth by Hugo Leyendel.
Heartiest good wishes to Hugo Leyendel on his special birthday by Lil Saslove; by Dorothy and Maurie Karp and family; and by Shirley and Shier Berman.

JOSEPH AND EVELYN LIEFF FUND
In memory of Doris Baylin by Evelyn and Joseph Lieff.
Wishing Mr. William Read continued good health by Evelyn and Joseph Lieff.

ETHYL AND MANNY LIGHTSTONE FUND
In memory of Doris Baylin by Ethyl and Manny Lightstone.

ABRAHAM AND DORA LITHWICK MEMORIAL FUND
In memory of Max Farber by Sarah and Sidney Green; and by Ida and Sid Lithwick.
Best wishes for a happy birthday to Mrs. Sarah Green by Leema Magidson and family; and by Irene Swedlove.
Wishing Mrs. M.S. Green (Sari) good health and happiness with all her loved ones for years to come by Zelda and Herman Roodman.

ARNOLD AND ROSE LITHWICK FAMILY FUND
Wishing Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Lithwick continued good health and happiness in a peaceful Israel by Ellen Lithwick.

IDA AND SID LITHWICK FUND
In honour of Ida Lithwick on her special birthday by Lois and Philip Berman, Mtl.; by Mr. and Mrs. William Holtzman, Mtl.; by Edna Fenster, Mtl.; by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Leader (Susan) Mtl.; by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Shaffer, (Nonnie) Mtl.; by Mrs. Goldye Fenster, Mtl.; by Coral Fenster, Mtl.; and by Irene Swedlove.

IRVING AND ELLEN LITHWICK FUND
In memory of Solomon Zelikovitz by Ellen Lithwick.
In memory of Doris Baylin by Ellen Lithwick.
In memory of Max Farber by Ellen Lithwick.

EDGAR AND GERTRUDE MARKS FUND
In memory of Bella Abrahamson by Gert Marks.

DAYE, LOUIS AND LAZ MIRSKY FUND
Best wishes to Dr. Lyon Pearlman on his 80th birthday by Debbie and Herb Cosman and family.
Best wishes to Mr. David Torontow on his special birthday by Debbie and Herb Cosman and family.
In honour of Dr. and Mrs. Herb Cosman on their 30th wedding anniversary by Dorene Hurtig.

JACK AND HONEY MONSON FUND
In honour of Evelyn Monson on her 50th birthday by Goldie and Elliot Moraff.
In memory of Doris Baylin by Dodie and Bram Potechin and family; and by Goldie and Elliot Moraff.
In memory of Dr. Gordon Spinks, father of John Spinks by Celia Levitan.
Best wishes to Mr. Max Zelikovitz on his 80th birthday by Joy and David Kardish.

SYLYIA AND ALEX MORIN FUND
Best wishes to Sam Morin on his special birthday by Sheila and Simon Morin; and by Sylvia Morin.

TANYA AND MOSES MORIN FUND
Congratulations to Professor Seymour Mayne on receiving the prestigious ALTA poetry translation prize by Gertrude Morin.

HERBERT AND DOROTHY NADOLNY FUND
Mazal Tov to Ellen and Ron Cherney on the birth of their son by Zelaïne and Sol Shinder.
Mazal Tov to Dorothy and Herb Nadolny on the birth of a new grandson by Zelaïne and Sol Shinder; by Marcia and Harold Sachs; by Rabelle and Gerry Koffman; by Dr. and Mrs. Syd Kronick; and by Barbara and Len Farber.

MOSHE AND MOLLY NARWA FUND
In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear husband and father, Moshe Narwa by Molly Narwa and family.

PINKAS AND YEHUDIT NEWMAN MEMORIAL FUND
In memory of Doris Baylin by Marilyn and William Newman.
Mazal Tov to Dorothy and Herb Nadolny on the birth of their grandson by Marilyn and William Newman.

ABE AND BERTHA PALMER FAMILY FUND
In memory of Alex Barrett by Molly Phomin.
In memory of Diane Spector, Toronto by Molly Phomin.

NANCY AND LARRY PLEET FUND
In memory of Doris Baylin by Nancy and Larry Pleet.
In honour of our parents Nancy and Larry Pleet's 37th wedding anniversary by Janice, Brian and Evan Pleet.
In honour of Sylvia and Morton Pleet's 38th wedding anniversary by Janice, Brian and Evan Pleet.

NORMAN AND EVELYN POTECHIN FUND
In memory of Doris Baylin

by Evelyn and Norman Potechin.

MORRIS AND MYRA PRESSER FUND
Mazal Tov to Alvin and Kayla Mallay on the marriage of their daughter Lynn to Erik by Rose-Anne and Harry Prizant.
In memory of Max Farber by Rose-Anne and Harry Prizant.
Mazal Tov to Dr. and Mrs. David Malek on the marriage of their son Alan to Debbie by Rose-Anne and Harry Prizant.
Wishing Suzanne Campeau a speedy recovery by Rose-Anne and Harry Prizant.

DAVID AND FREDA RADNOFF FUND
Best wishes to a devoted daughter-in-law on her birthday by Mom (Freda) Radnoff.

JACOB AND LEAH RIVERS MEMORIAL FUND
Best wishes to Harold Sachs on his special birthday by Ibolya and Howard Goldberg and family.
In memory of Yeshayahu Mordechai Rubin, Israel, father of Dr. Steven Rubin by Ibolya, Howard, Shawn and Julia Goldberg.
In observance of the Yahrzeit of a beloved father Joseph Schacter by Goldie and Albert Rivers.

HERMAN AND ZELDA ROODMAN FUND
In memory of Max Farber by Zelda and Herman Roodman.
In memory of Doris Baylin by Zelda and Herman Roodman.

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In memory of Leon Rosenbaum, Toronto, by Issie and Rossie Rose.

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In observance of the Yahrzeit of Sadie Cann by Syd and Shirley Schecter.
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of Eliezer Schecter by Syd and Shirley Schecter.

ANNE AND IRVING SABRAN MEMORIAL FUND
In memory of our beloved parents and grandparents Anne and Irving Sabran and Shayna Rivka and Yaakov Fishbain by Sandra, Sam, Jeff and Aaron Fishbain.
In memory of our dear Aunt Jennie and Uncle Morris Baylin by Sandra, Sam, Jeff and Aaron Fishbain.
In memory of our beloved Uncle Max Farber by Sandra, Sam, Jeff and Aaron Fishbain.
In memory of our dear Uncle Jack Taller by Sandra, Sam, Jeff and Aaron Fishbain.
Mazal Tov to Shirley and Issie Kardish on the birth of their new grandchild by Sandra, Sam, Jeff and Aaron Fishbain.
In memory of Max Farber by Mrs. Jack Taller and family.
In memory of Doris Baylin by Mrs. Jack Taller and family.

ISSIE AND MINNIE SANDLER MEMORIAL FUND
In memory of Leon Rosenbaum, Toronto, by Min and Mutt Greenberg.

RIKIE AND MARTIN SASLOVE FAMILY FUND
Mazal Tov to Ellen and Ron Cberney on the birth of their son by Rhoda, Jeff, Howard and Sara Miller.
In memory of Doris Baylin by Rhoda and Jeff Miller.

SAMUEL AND LILLIAN SASLOVE FUND
Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Kay Fink, Fla. by Lil Saslove.

MAURICE AND CLARE SCHWARTZ FUND
In memory of Maurice Schwartz by Rose and David Fine; by Geri, Sid, Audrey and Michael Goldstein; by Bess and Casey Swedlove; by Anne Mirsky; by Sonia Kizell; by Marion and Myer Vexler; by Ralph and Carol Kassie, Jenn and Joey; by Irene Swedlove and family; by Frances and Dorothy Shaffer; and by Sarah and Milton Shaffer.

YERA AND SAM SCHWARTZ FUND
Wishing a r'fiah sh'leimah to a dear friend Stella Taller by Vera and Sam Schwartz.
In memory of Yesayahu Mordechai Rubin, Israel, father of Dr. Steven Rubin by Vera and Sam Schwartz.

MAURICE AND GOLDIE SHABINSKY MEMORIAL FUND
Best wishes to Laya and Sol Shabinsky on their special anniversary by Leslie and Lionel Shinder.


ABRAHAM AND MARY SHAFFER MEMORIAL FUND
Best wishes to Mrs. Sol Max for a speedy recovery by Sarah and Milton Shaffer.

HAROLD SHAFFER MEMORIAL FUND
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Baslaw's daughter, Nina, New York, by Frances Shaffer.

CECIL AND FLORENCE SHINDER FUND
In memory of Doris Baylin by Florence and Cecil Shinder.

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Mazal Tov to Dr. and Mrs. David Malek on the Aufruf of their son Allan by Ellen Lithwick.

Mazal Tov to Dr. and Mrs. David Malek on the marriage of their son Allan to Debbie Litwin by Saul Saslove; by Leslie, Lionel, Jason and Reesa Shinder; by The Israel Singers; and by Rita and Arthur Hornstein.

In memory of Maurice Schwartz by Leslie and Lionel Shinder.

SHMELZER-HOROVITCH FUNO

In honour of Joseph Shmelzer on the occasion of his 90th birthday by his grandchildren Roberta, Doug, Jane, David and Peter.

LOUIS SLACK MEMORIAL FUNO

In memory of Maurice Schwartz by Myra and Lester Aronson and family.

In memory of Dr. Saul Rochman by Myra and Lester Aronson and family.

MOE AND CHARLOTTE SLACK FUNO

Best wishes to Leon Rotberg, Toronto on his special birthday by Charlotte Slack.

In memory of Doris Baylin by Charlotte Slack; by Nell and Fred Schlessinger.

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kanter, Thornhill, Ontario in their new home by Charlotte Slack.

JACK AND LINDA SMITH FUNO

Wishing a speedy recovery to Suzanne Campeau by Sadie and Jack Silverman.

Mazal Tov to Bernice and Abe Hochberg on the engagement of their daughter Norma by Jack and Linda Smith.

Mazal Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Brotman on the birth of their granddaughter by Jack and Linda Smith.

Mazal Tov to Randi and Neil Brotman on the birth of their daughter by Jack and Linda Smith.

Mazal Tov to Annette and Stan Millstone on the engagement of their daughter Lisa to Sam Feldberg by Jack and Linda Smith.

In memory of Ralph Cohen, M.L., by Jack and Linda Smith.

SOVIET JEWRY ENOOWMENT FUNO

Best wishes to Dr. Harold Sachs on his 60th birthday by Naomi and Allan Cracower.

ABE STEINBERG MEMORIAL FUNO

In memory of Leon Rosenbaum, Toronto, brother-in-law of Laura Greenberg, by Libby and Jack Steinberg and family.

LOUIS AND LEAH STEINBERG FUNO

Happy 45th anniversary to Joyce and Jack Steinberg by Shirley and Vic Steinberg and family.

NATHAN AND THELMA STEINMAN FUNO

Best wishes to Mr. Sam Teller (Bessie) on his special birthday by Thelma Steinman; and by Mollie Fine.

SHIRLEY AND DEBORAH SUGARMAN MEMORIAL FUNO

In memory of Doris Baylin by Barbara and Laurence Sugarman.

FREDA AND PHIL SWEDKO MEMORIAL FUNO

Best wishes to Morris Weltman for much success in his new store by Beverly and Irving Swedko.

CASEY AND BESS SWELOVE FUNO

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Casey Swedlove on their 50th wedding anniversary by Bert and Abe Klugsberg.

JOSEPH AND IRENE SWELOVE ENDOWMENT FUNO

In memory of Doris Baylin by Irene Swedlove and family.

ARCHIE AND LILLIAN TALLER FUNO

In memory of Alex Barrett by Lillian and Archie Taller.

In memory of Doris Baylin by Lillian and Archie Taller.

Wishing Dora Wasserman a speedy recovery by Lillian and Archie Taller.

Wishing Stella Taller a speedy recovery by Lillian and Archie Taller.

SAMUEL AND ANNE TALLER FUNO

In memory of Doris Baylin by Anne and Sam Taller.

ETHEL AND IRVING TAYLOR FUNO

Best wishes to Ethel and Ir-

ing Taylor on their anniversary by Brent, Risa and Shira.

ARTHUR AND SONIA VINER FUNO

In observance of the Yartzheit of a beloved mother Freda Viner by Terry and Milton Viner.

RUTH AND JOE VINER FUNO

In memory of Max Farber by Ruth and Joe Viner.

In memory of Doris Baylin by Ruth and Joe Viner.

WASERMAN FAMILY MEMORIAL FUNO

Wishing Dora Wasserman a speedy recovery by Nessie Wasserman.

MIRIAM AND LOU WEINER FUNO

In memory of Doris Baylin by Miriam and Lou Weiner.

In memory of Maurice Schwartz by Miriam and Lou Weiner, Florida.

JOSEPH AND SONIA WEINSTEIN MEMORIAL FUNO

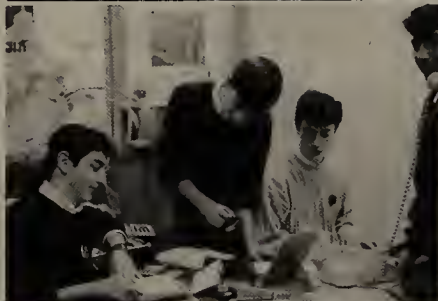
In memory of Maurice Schwartz by Shelley and Joel Cohen; by Jeff and Jodi Arron; and by Yetta and Larry Arron.

In memory of Maurice Schwartz by Yetta and Larry Arron.

Wishing Abe Cohen a r'fuah sh'lemah by Yetta and Larry Arron.

HYMIE WHITZMAN MEMORIAL FUNO

Wishing a speedy recovery to Dean Koss by Edie and Issie



OTI Student Council Executive, left to right, Zvi Silver, Daniel Scarowsky, Yaakov Levinson and Gidon Gross.

OTI Student Council plans varied programs

The Ottawa Torah Institute recently held elections within its student body to elect a student council. The winners were Yaakov Levinson, president; Gidon Gross, vice-president; Zvi Silver, treasurer; and Daniel Scarowsky, secretary.

The student council plans to schedule a number of extra-curricular programs for the students, including bowling, skating, swimming, skiing, and a shabbaton.

To date, trips to a recent Roter Rider win against Winnipeg and a team bowling tournament have been extremely successful.

In addition to these activities, the student council is working on several projects which will be of benefit to the community at large. Already on the drawing board are programs to help the elderly, as well as programs for children.

The students have opened a canteen in the school which

provides the boys with kosher nosh, as well as helping to raise funds to defray the cost of the programs.

One project already under way is the formation of a Jewish Heritage Library for the students of the school. The library will help provide the students with the opportunity to do research for their studies as well as to learn more about Jewish thought and history. Any donations toward the purchase of books for the library are most welcome.

In order to raise funds for their projects, the students are planning to have a raffle, with prizes and a draw date to be announced.

Anyone knowing of a project for which the students of O.T.I. might be of assistance or anyone wishing more information about the student council programs can call the school at 594-5658 or write to O.T.I. at 151 Chapel St., K1N 7Y2.

Landau.

In memory of Maurice Schwartz by Dr. and Mrs. Fred Ross.

MORRIS AND MARIETTE WOOLFSON FUNO

Best wishes to Mrs. Mariette Woolfson on her birthday by Roslyr and Gerry Snyder.

Mazal Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Woolfson on the birth of their great-granddaughter by Blanche and Joe Osterer.

SAM AND HELENE ZARET FUNO

Best wishes to Esther Ross on her special birthday by Helene Zaret.

NATHAN, DAVID AND MAX ZELIKOVITZ FAMILIES FUNO

Best wishes to Max Zelikovitz on his special birthday by Claire and Jack Fogel; by Evelyn Krane-Berlin and Irving Berlin; by Ruth and Hy Soloway; by Rossie and Issie Rose; by Judy and Larry Schneiderman and Marlene Burack and families; and by Beck and Dave Zelikovitz.

In memory of Doris Baylin by Margo and David Kardish.

Mazal Tov to Annette and Stan Millstone on the engagement of their daughter Lisa to Sam Feldberg by Marlene Burack.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Ed Cohen by Max Zelikovitz.

SANDRA AND SAM ZUNDER FUNO

Happy anniversary to Lynn and Philip Zunder by Mom and Dad Zunder.

Best wishes to Joyce and Jack Steinberg on their 45th wedding anniversary by Sandra and Sam Zunder.

Best wishes to Maureen and Dennis Newton on their anniversary by Sandra and Sam Zunder.

Wishing continued good health to Ethel Murray by Sandra and Sam Zunder.

Wishing continued good health to Tillie Levine by Sandra and Sam Zunder.

In memory of Doris Baylin by Sandra and Sam Zunder. Mazal Tov to Harley Swedler, New York, on successfully completing his exams in architecture by Lillian and Mark Zunder and family.

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Community Calendar

The following information is taken from the community calendar maintained by the Women's Federation of the Jewish Community Council. Organizations who would like their events to be listed, no matter where they are to be held, should make sure they are recorded by advising Howard Goldberg, Calendar Coordinator at 232-7306 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Accurate details must be provided on the Community Calendar Organization Forms sent to every communal organization.

Monday, December 3

Golden Age Club Bingo Lunch, Assembly Hall, J.C.C., 151 Chapel St., 12:30 p.m.

Agudath Israel Synagogue Lecture "Report on Recent Increases in Racist and Anti-Semitic Incidents in Canada: What Can Be Done?" 1400 Coldrey Ave., 7:45 p.m.

U.J.A. Women's Division Seminar, Part II, Speaker: Sara Vered, Home of Suzanne Cohen, 938 Dresden Cr., 7:30 p.m.

Na'amat Aviva Chapter Meeting, Speaker: Judy McKimmings of the Rape Crisis Centre, 5 Bainbridge, Craig Henry, 7:45 p.m.

Tuesday, December 4

Jewish Community Centre Bet Chavura Drop-In Diner, Social Hall JCC, 151 Chapel St., 12:00 p.m.; Drop-In Program, Adult Lounge JCC, 151 Chapel St., 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 8

Beth Shalom Sisterhood Chanukah Ball, Main Auditorium, 151 Chapel St., 7:00 p.m.

N.C.S.Y. Juniors Party, Machzikei Hadas Synagogue, 2310 Virginia Drive, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 9

Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO Youth Aliyah Campaign Family Brunch "From Russia To Israel," 1400 Coldrey Ave., 12:00 noon.

Jewish Community Centre Sunday Club, JCC, 151 Chapel St., 2:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Monday, December 10

Golden Age Club, Speaker: Chevy Chase, "Living in Israel — A Woman's Viewpoint," Assembly Hall, J.C.C., 151 Chapel St., 1:30 p.m.

U.J.A. Women's Division Hanukah Cabinet Meeting, J.C.C., 151 Chapel St., 12:00 noon.

Tuesday, December 11

B'nai Brith Ottawa Lodge Cocktails and \$25,000 Draw, 2310 Virginia Dr., 6:30 p.m.

Jewish Community Centre Bet Chavura Drop-In Diner, Social Hall JCC, 151 Chapel St., 12:00 p.m.; Drop-In Program, Adult Lounge JCC, 151 Chapel St., 1:30 p.m.

Jewish Community Centre Israel Folk Dancing, Gym, 881 Broadview Ave., 7:00 p.m.

Chavrot Chapter ORT Meeting, Fundraising in the Jewish Community, 33 Oakanagan Drive, 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 12

Agudath Israel Sisterhood Hanukah Gelt Luncheon, 1400 Coldrey Ave., 12:00 noon.

Shir-A-Trom, Musical Benefit for Welfare of Israeli Soldiers, 1400 Coldrey Ave., 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 13

Jewish Community Centre Adults for Lively Leisure, 1400 Coldrey Ave., 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 16

B'nai Brith Parliament Lodge Family Hanukah Party, 151 Chapel St., 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Agudath Israel Congregation Hanukah Party, 1400 Coldrey Ave., 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Chabad House Menora Lighting Ceremony, Confederation Park, 4:30 p.m.

Beth Shalom/Beth Shalom West Hanukah Party, J.C.C., 151 Chapel St., 1:00 p.m.

Monday, December 17

Golden Age Club Hanukah Program, Assembly Hall, J.C.C., 151 Chapel St., 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 18

Machzikei Hadas Sisterhood General Meeting, 2310 Virginia Dr., 8:00 p.m.

Jewish Community Centre Bet Chavura Drop-In Diner, Social Hall JCC, 151 Chapel St., 12:00 p.m.;

Public Health Nurse present, Drop-In Program, Adult Lounge JCC, 151 Chapel St., 1:30 p.m.

Jewish Community Centre Israel Folk Dancing, J.C.C., 151 Chapel St., 7:00 p.m.

Bulletin Deadlines

Thursday, December 27
For January 11 issue

Beverly Swedko will chair JNF Telethon

Bob Gencher, Jewish National Fund chairman is pleased to announce that Beverly Swedko will chair the 1990 Tu B'Shevat Telethon.

In making the announcement, Mr. Gencher said "JNF is indeed fortunate to have someone of Mrs. Swedko's commitment and calibre leading the campaign this year."

Long an active community volunteer, Mrs. Swedko brings to her task a varied background in fundraising and leadership. A member of Hadassah-WIZO for many years, she has held key positions within the organization both on the local and national levels. Most recently, she served as president of Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO and was recently elected to the position of national vice president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO for 1990-1993.

As well, she has been a member of the Arts Alive Committee of the JCC, and has served on the executive and board of Star of David Hebrew School, the UJA Campaign cabinet, National Council of Jewish Women and the Multiple Appeals Committee of the Ottawa Va'ad Ha'Ir.

Beverly is anticipating fantastic results from the 1990



Beverly Swedko

Telethon. The funds raised by planting trees will enhance the quality of life and beautify the new neighbourhoods which JNF is developing for the Russian olim in Israel.

Tu B'Shevat, the "New Year of the Trees," is celebrated in Israel by the mass planting of trees. The Telethon, which will take place on Sunday, January 27, will enable Ottawans to show their solidarity with the state and people of Israel.

The Telethon will be held in the premises of Mastercraft Development Corporation, courtesy of John and Gladys Greenberg. For more information or to volunteer, call the JNF office at 230-9047.

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November 30 — 4:03 p.m.
December 7 — 4:01 p.m.
December 14 — 4:01 p.m.

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